Spanish Guitar Music

Standard Notation for 30 Spanish Classics Arranged for Guitar, Including:

- Malagueña
- Spanish Romance
- Española
- Lágrima
- Mi Favorita
- And others

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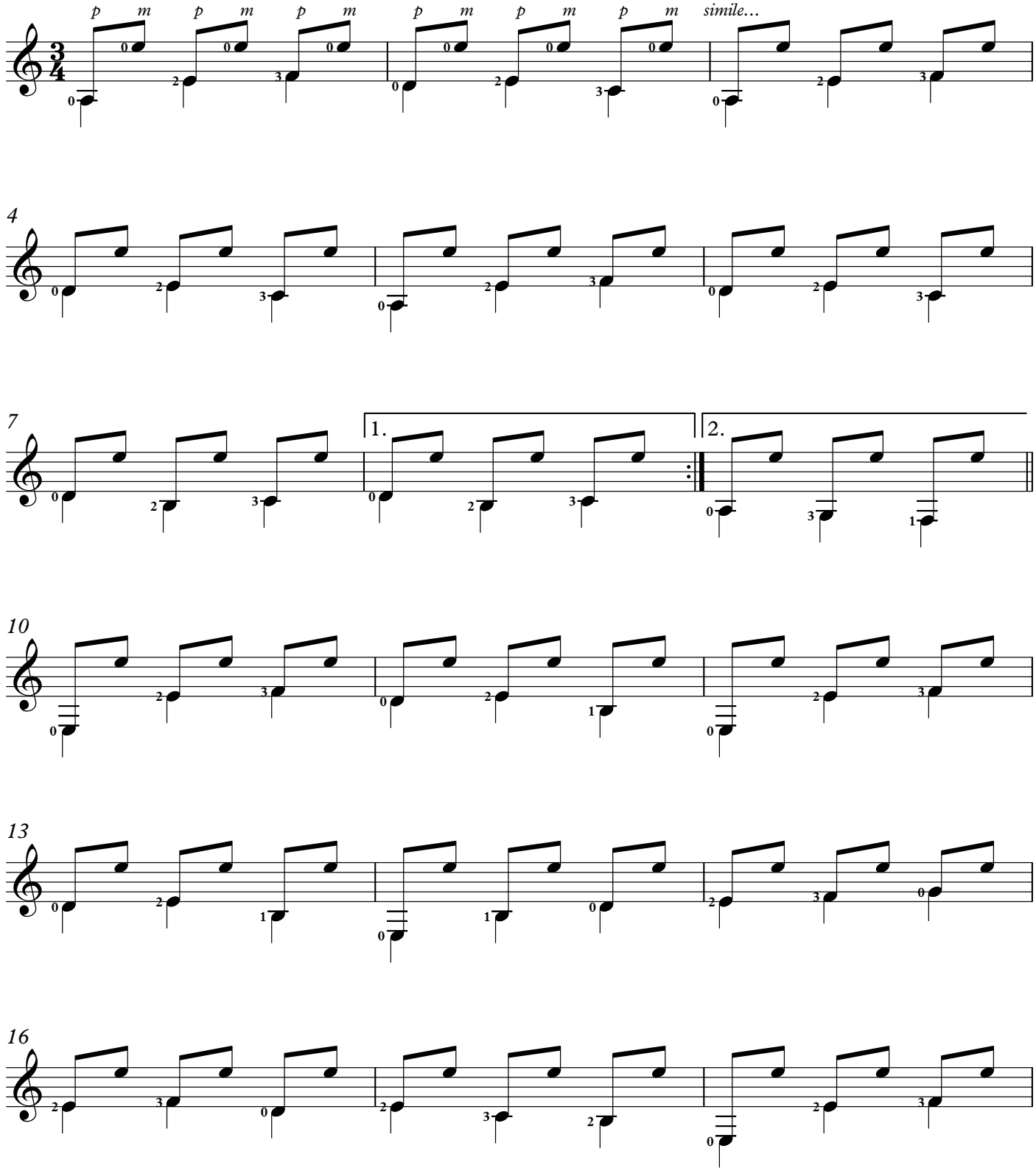
Asturias

Suite Española, Op. 47, Nº 5

Isaac Albéniz
(1860-1909)

Allegro



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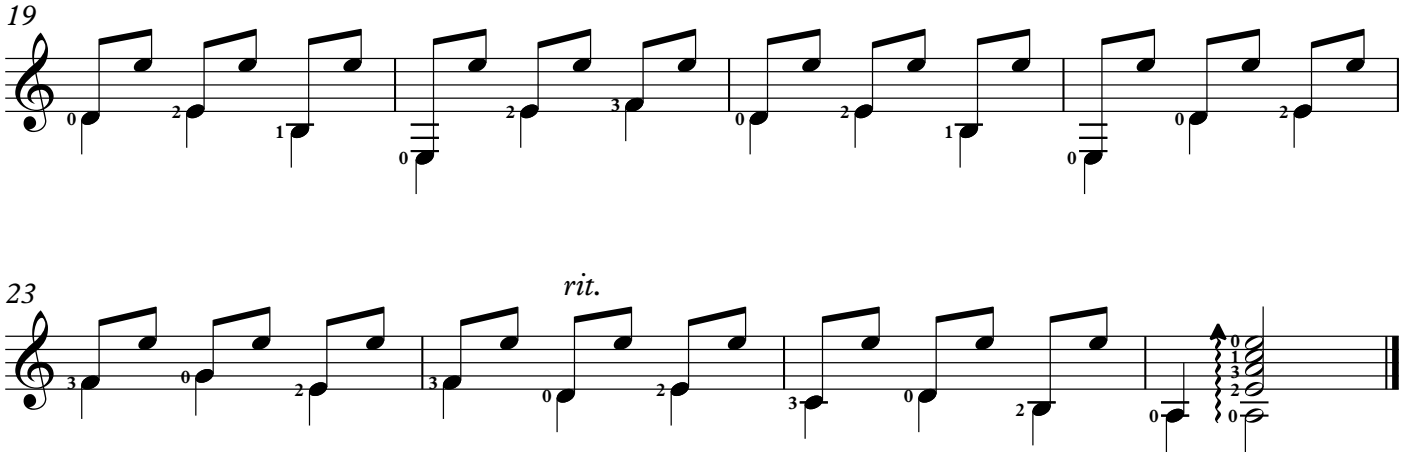

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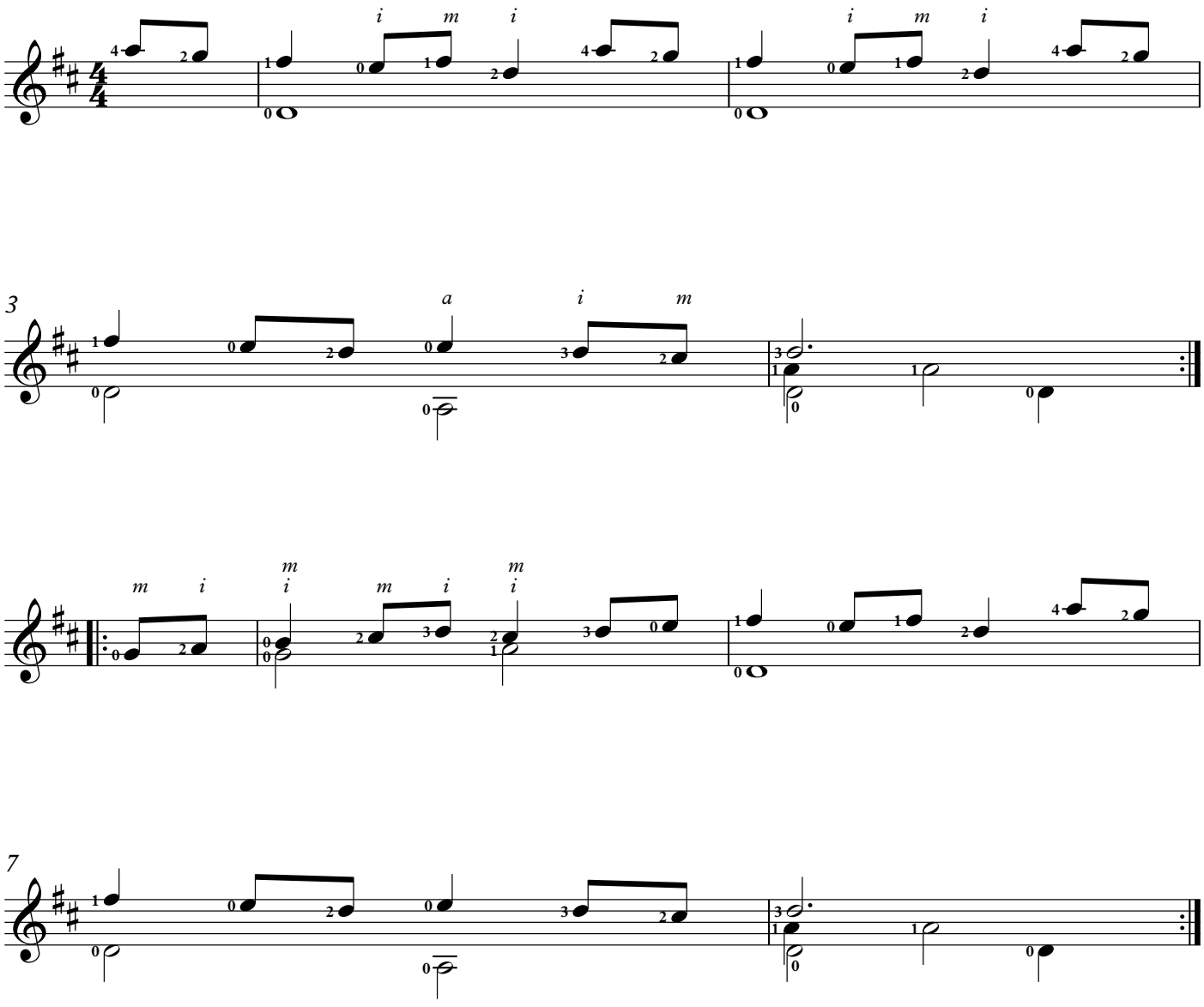
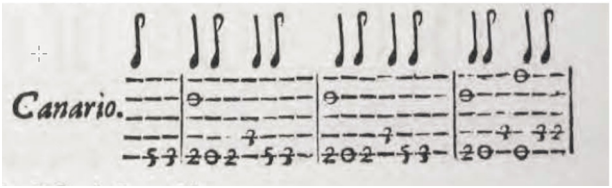
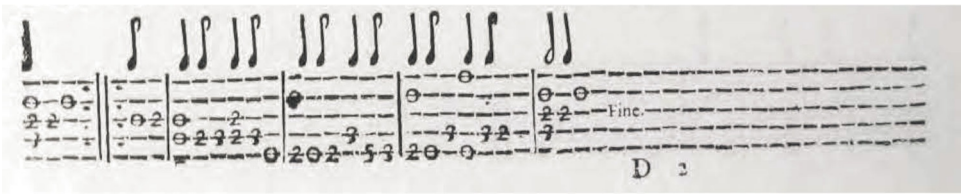
Canario

Carlo Calvi
(1646)







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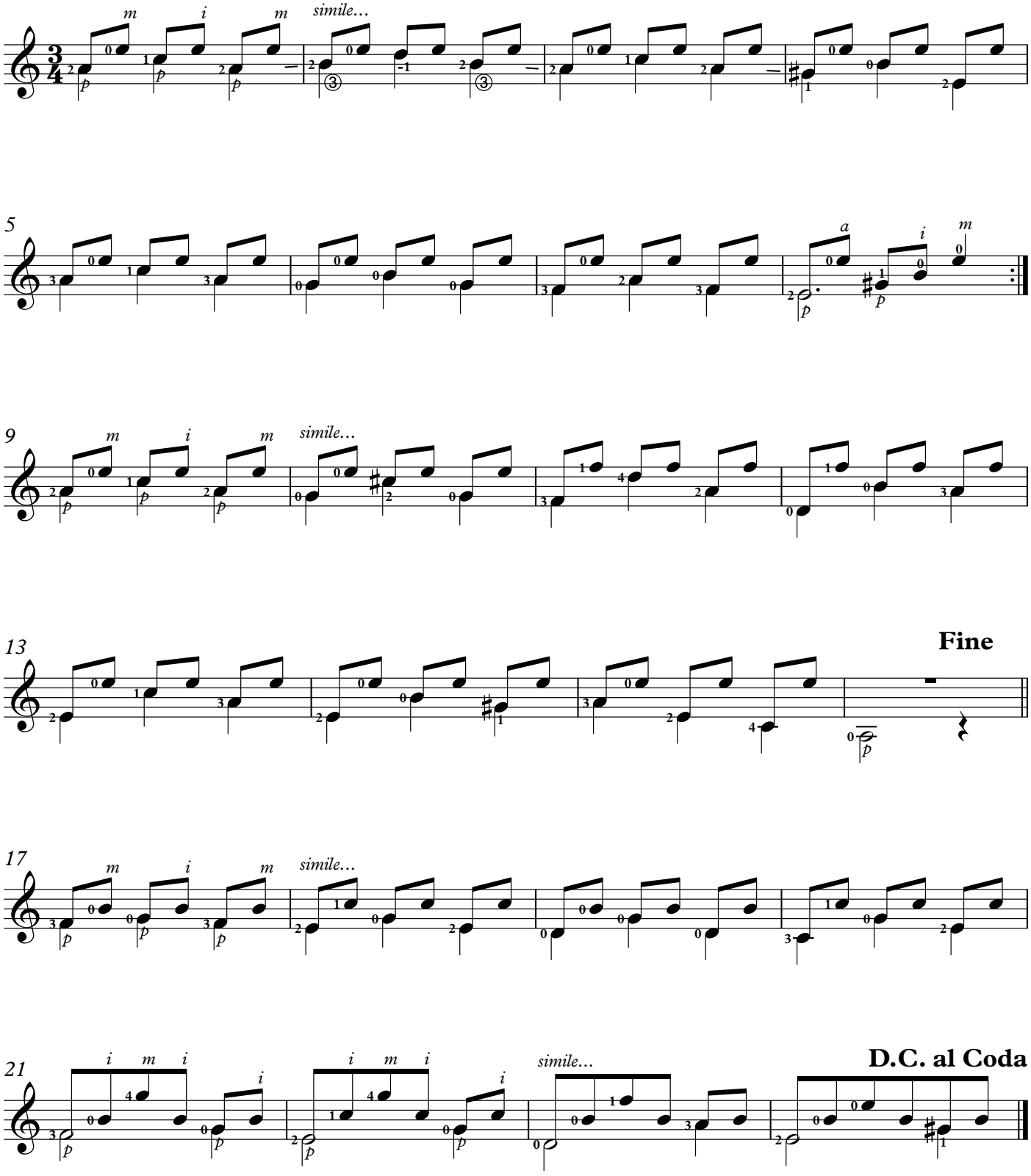
Spanish Dance

Spanish traditional



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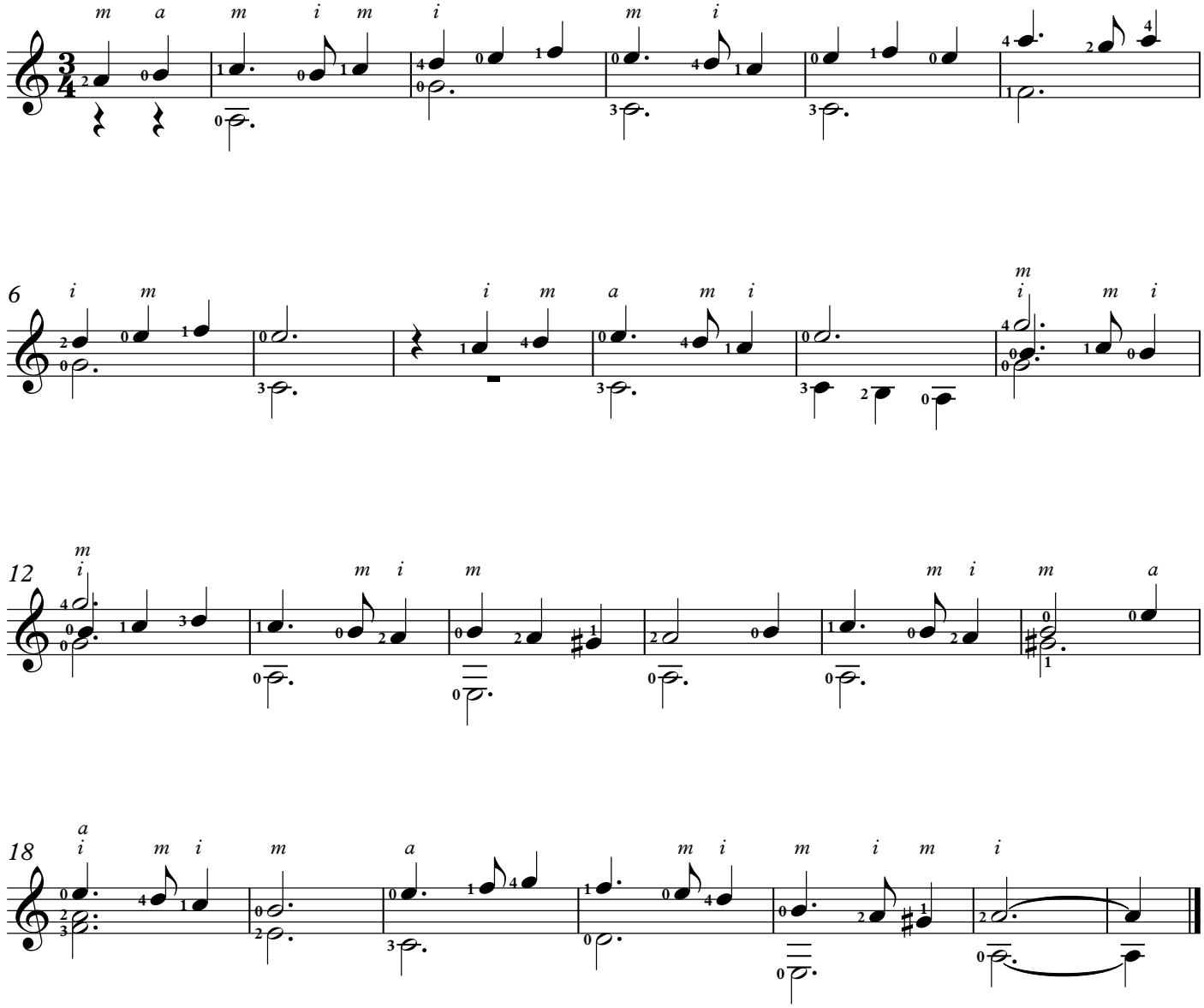
Española

Gaspar Sanz
(1640-1710)

Grazioso ♩ = 104 - 116



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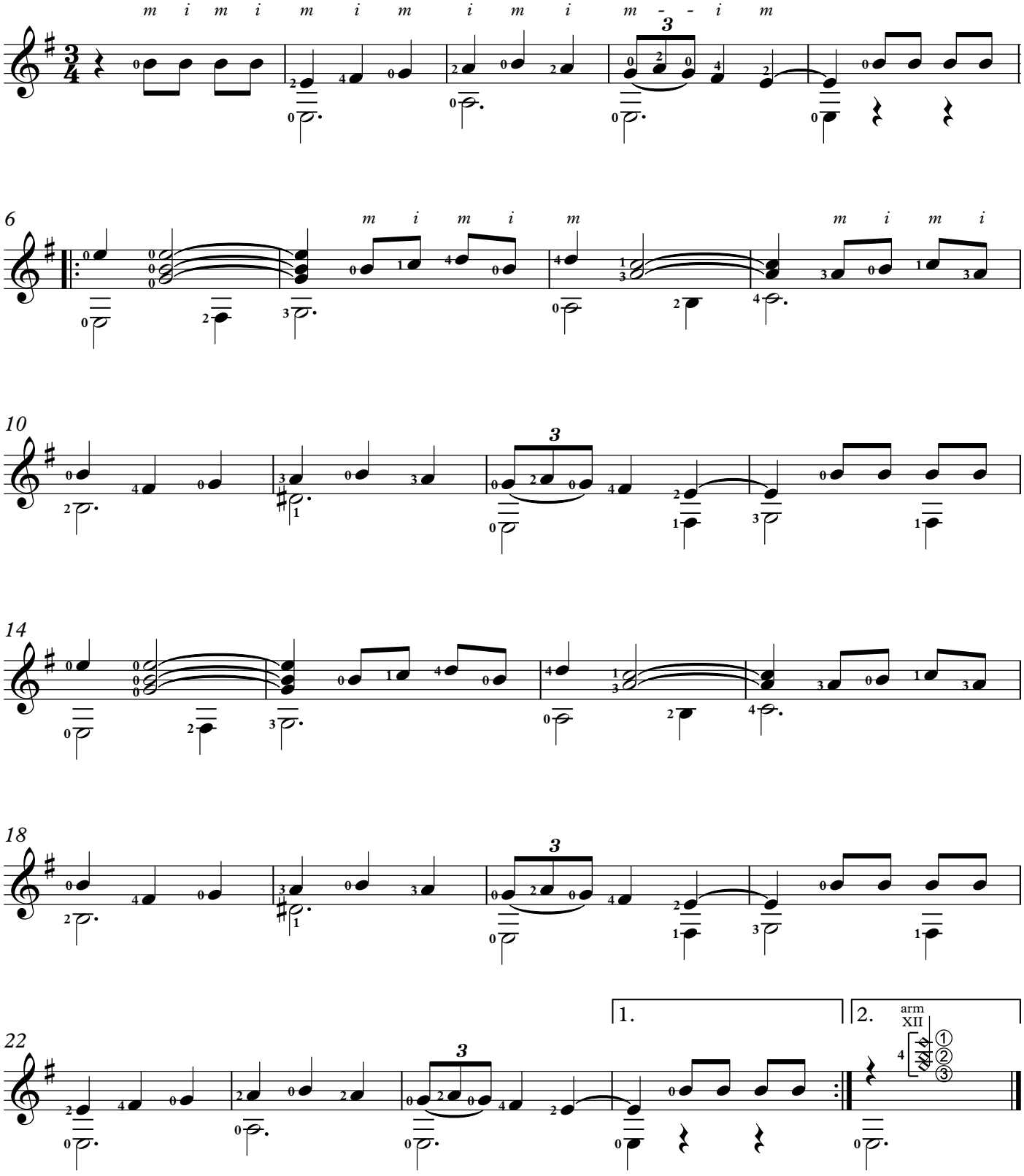
Molondron

Traditional
Spanish



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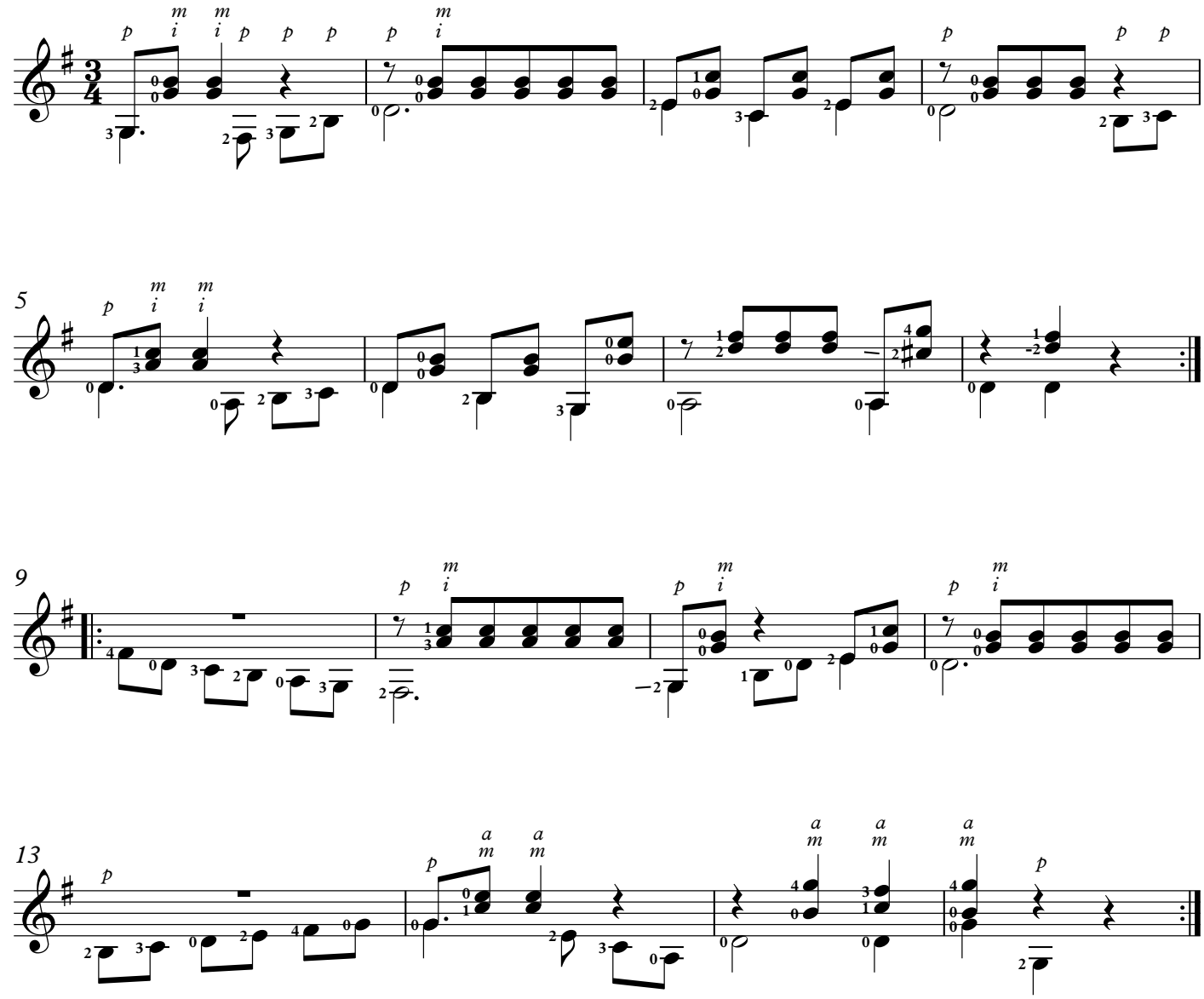
Ejercicio

José Ferrer
(1835-1916)

Allegro moderato (♩ = 84 - 100)



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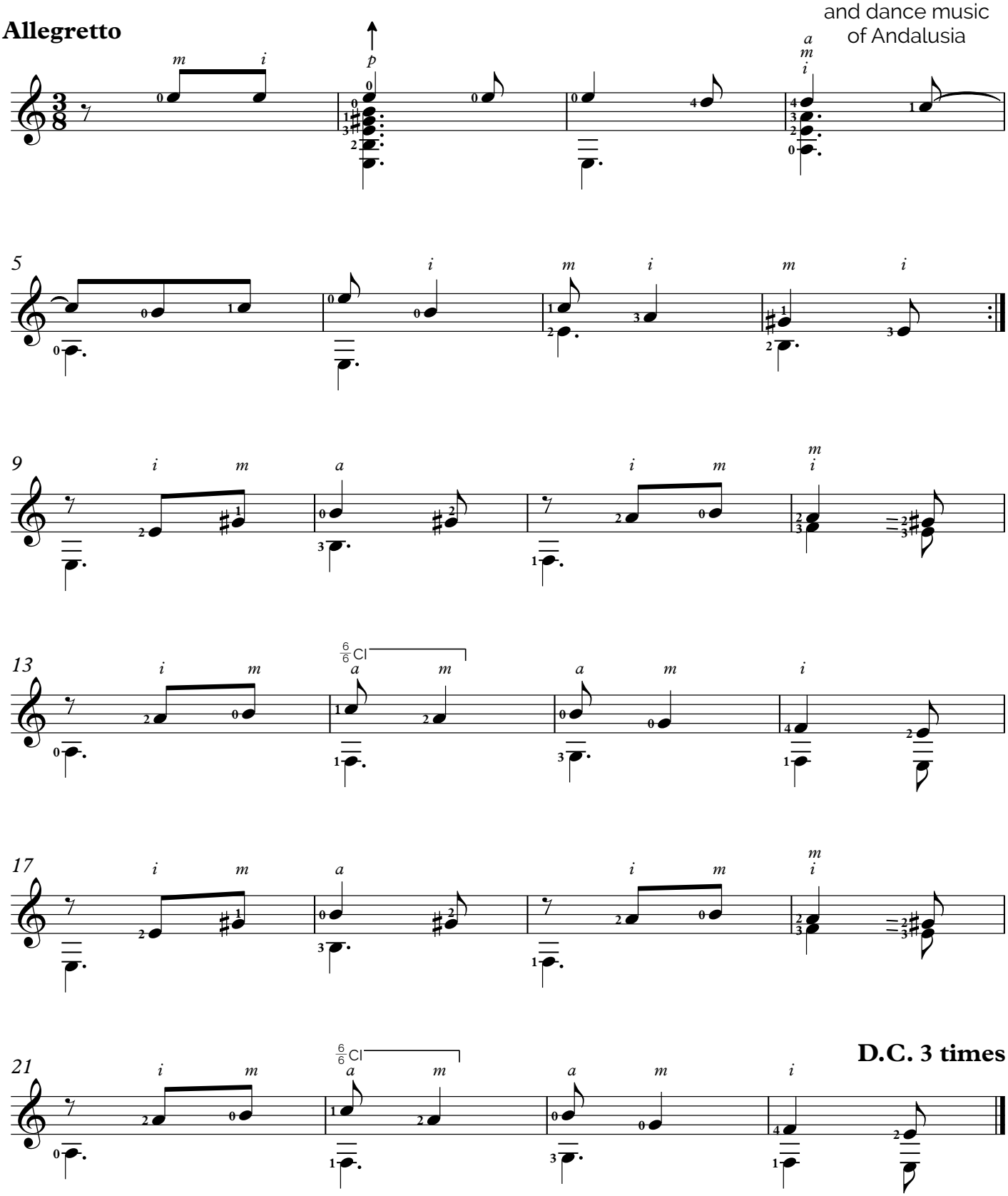
El Vito

Traditional folk song
and dance music
of Andalusia

Allegretto



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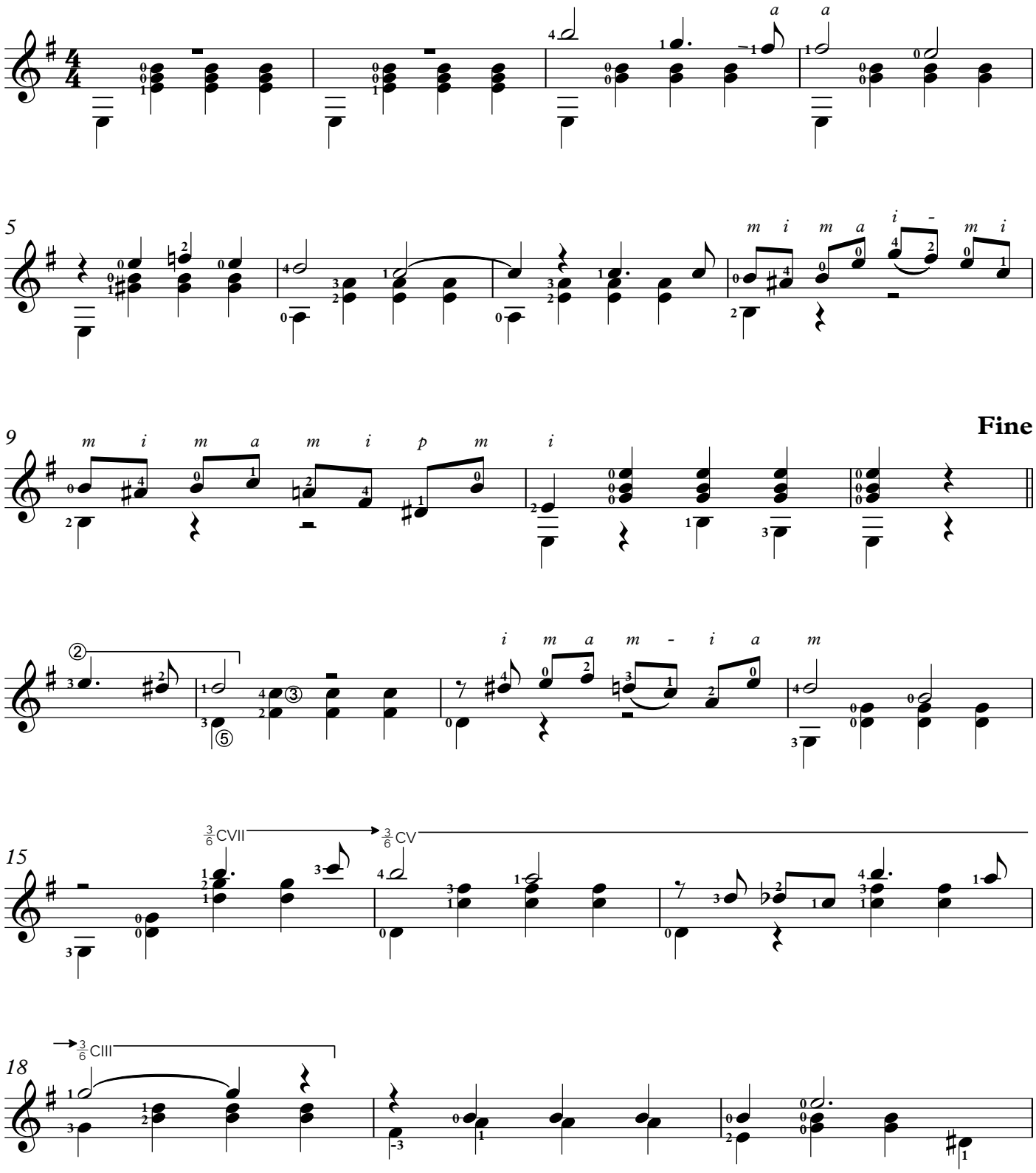
Nostalgia

Op. 19, Nº 5

Julio Salvador Sagreras
(1879-1942)



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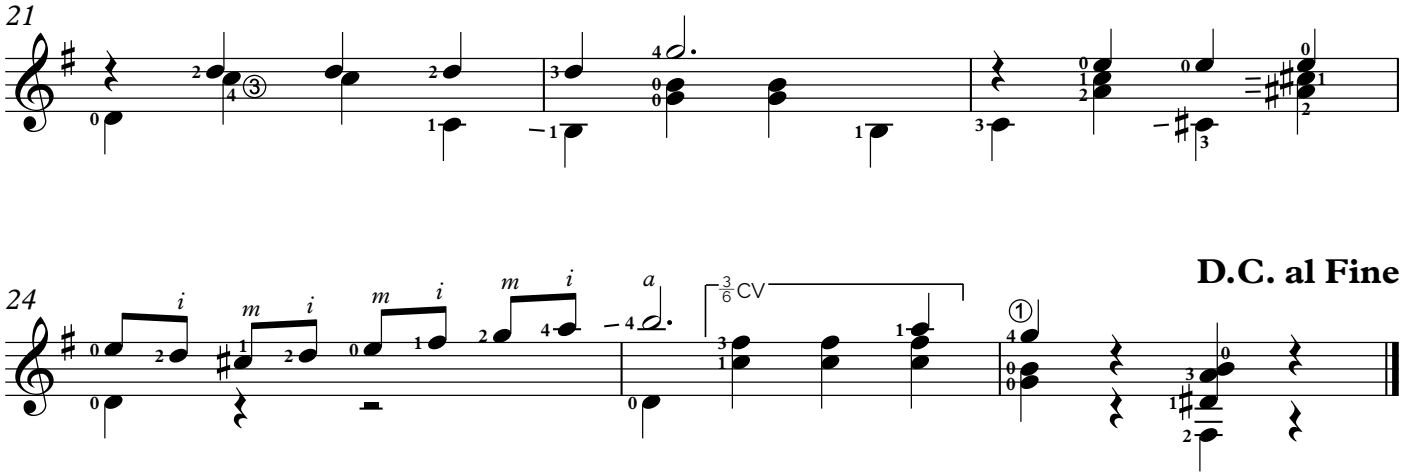

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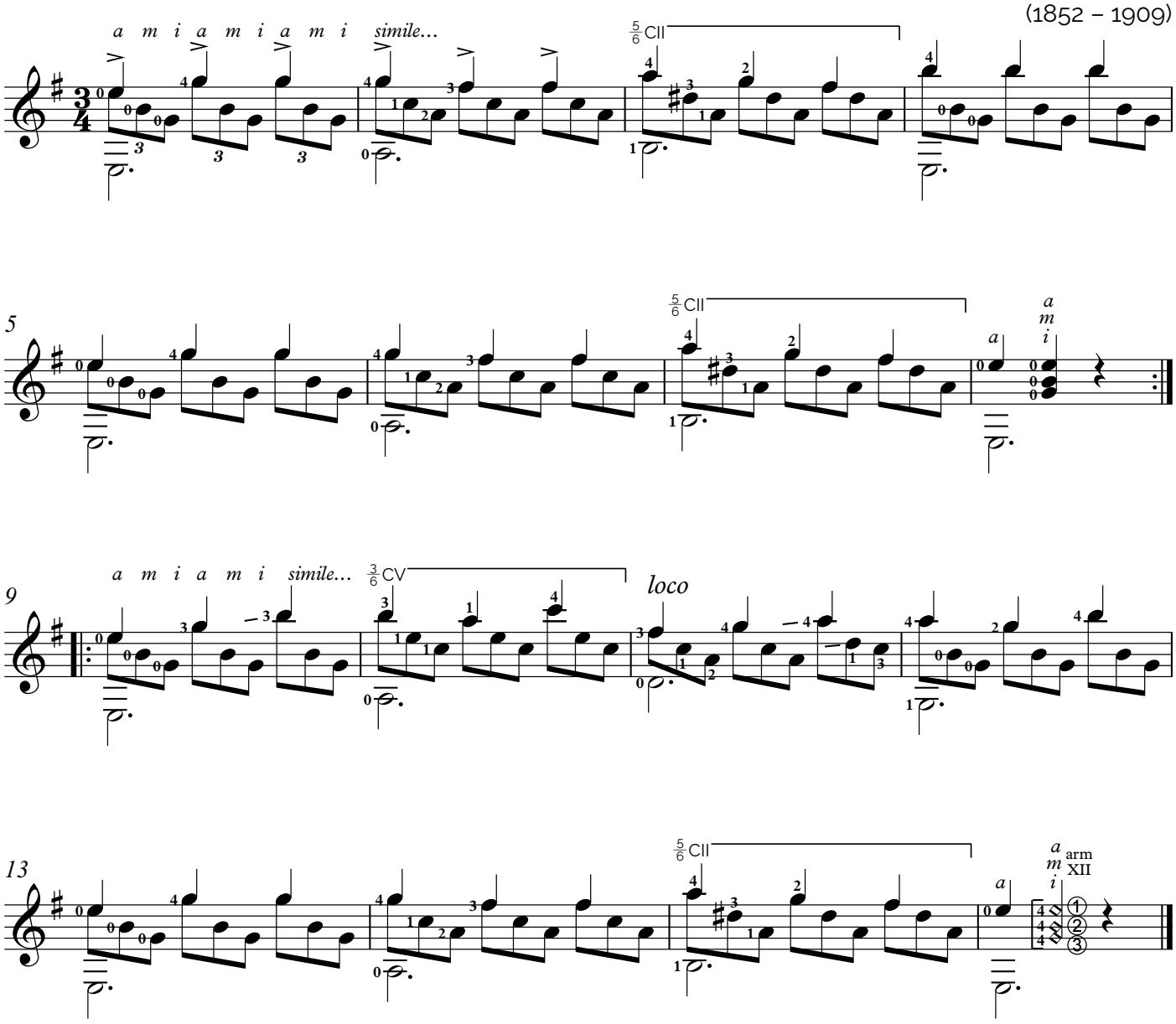
Etude in E-minor

12 studies, Nº 2

Francisco Tárrega
(1852 – 1909)



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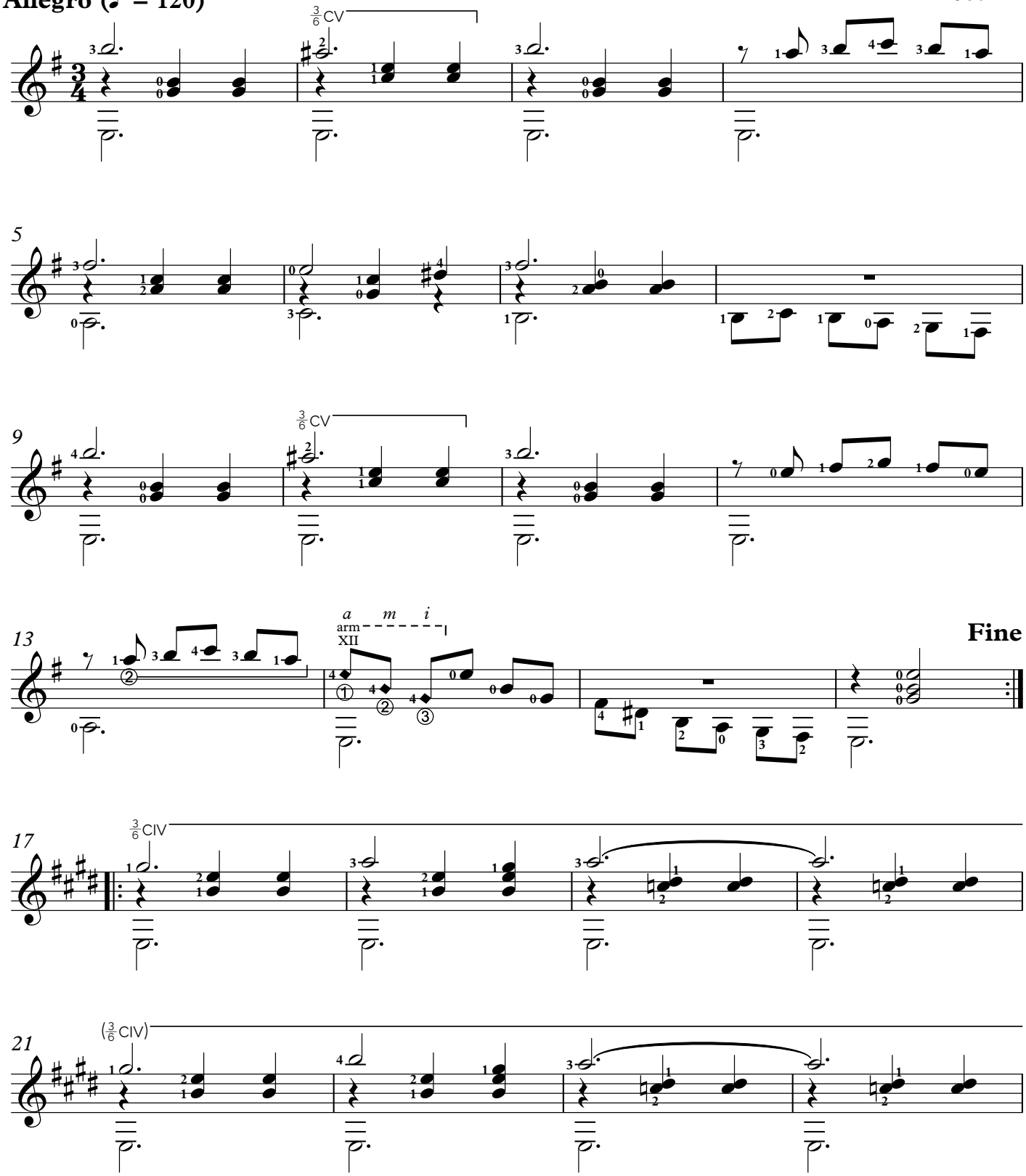
Plegaria

Guillermo Gómez
(1880-1953)

Allegro (♩ = 120)



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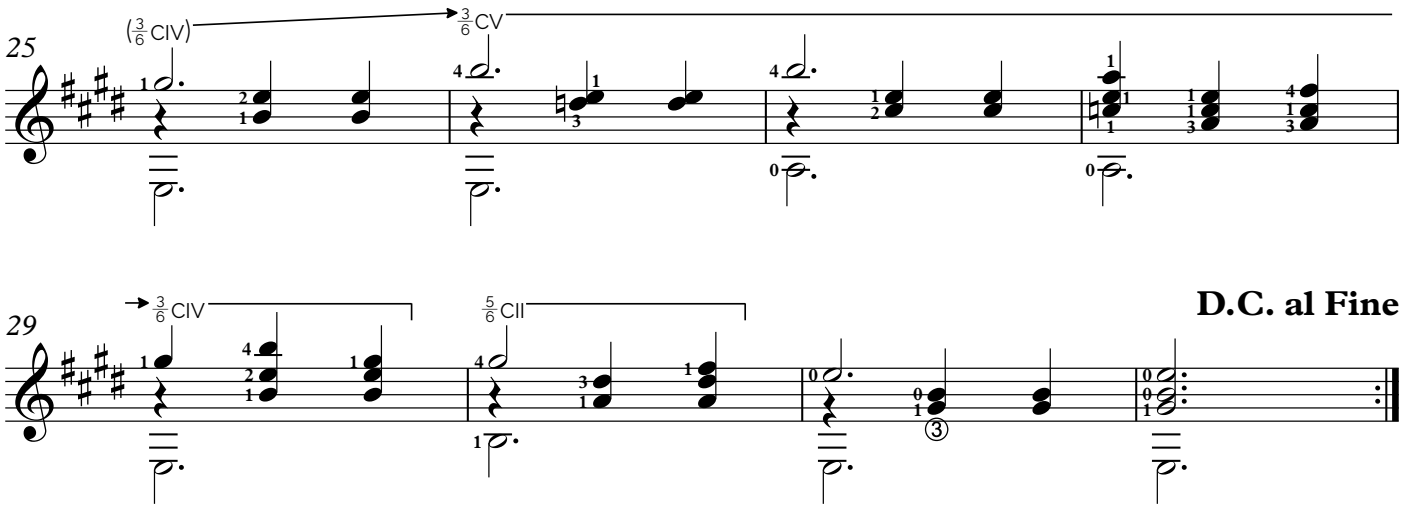

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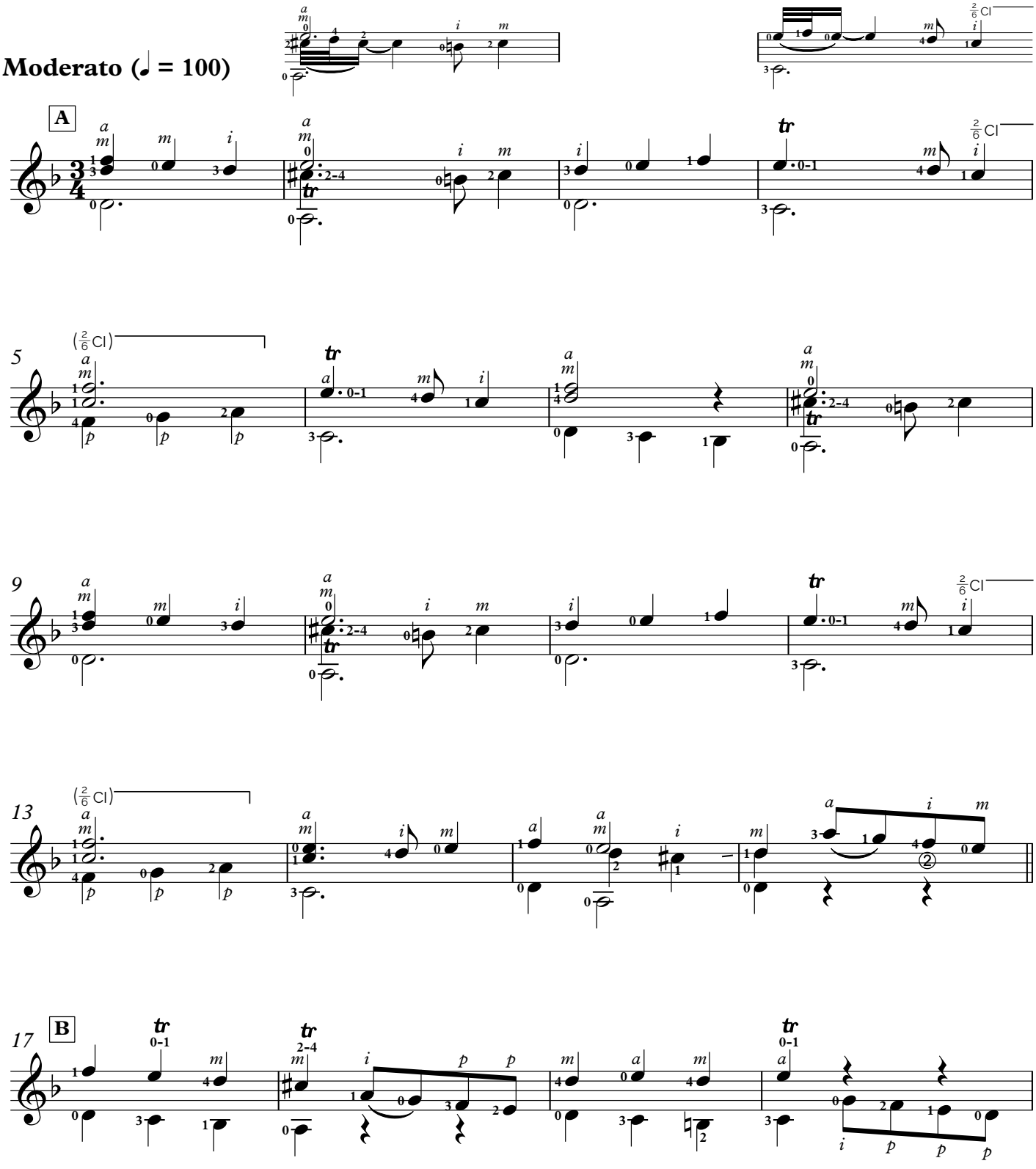
Folias

Gaspar Sanz
(1640-1710)

Moderato (♩ = 100)



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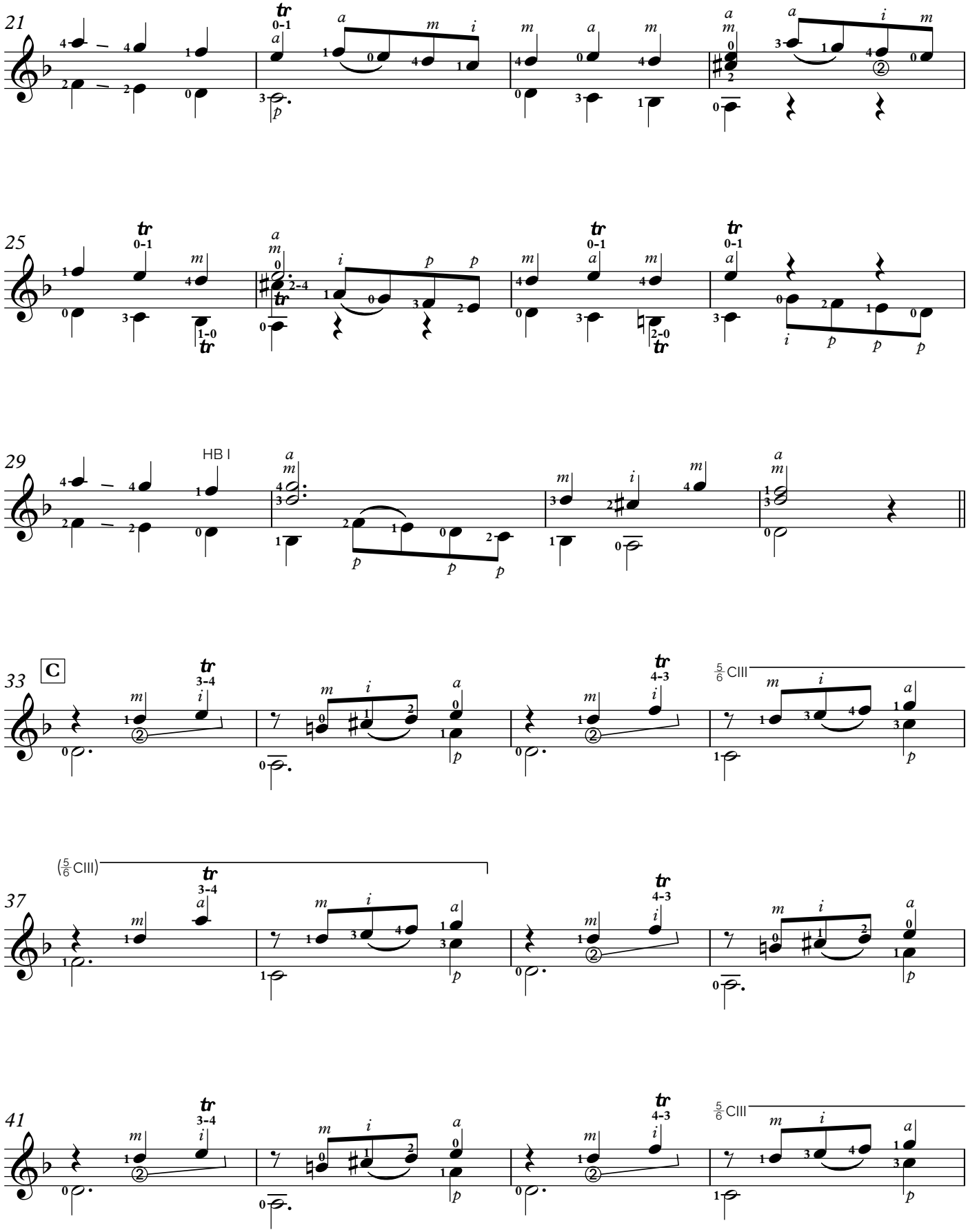

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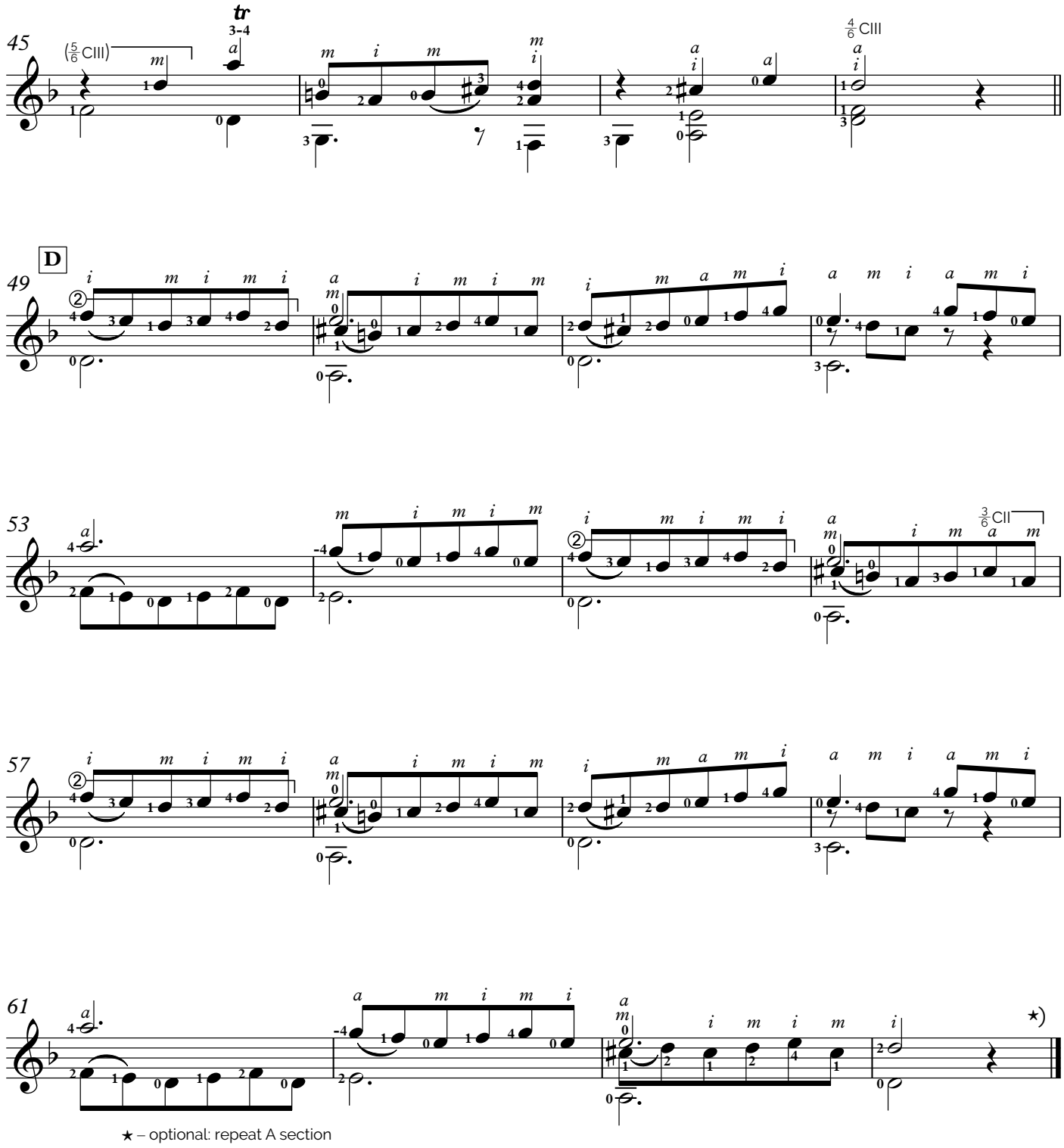

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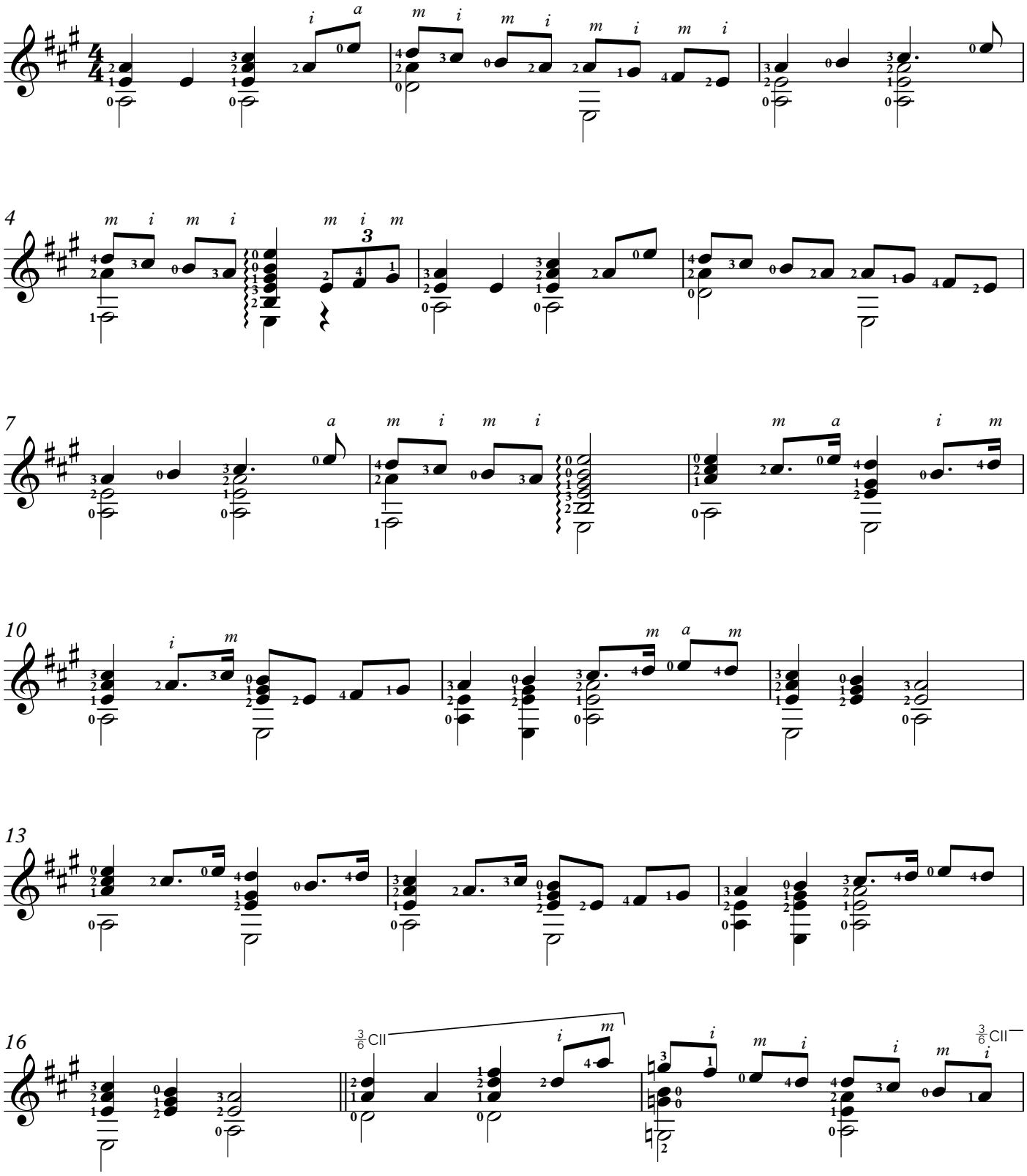
Marcha Real

National Anthem of Spain

Solemne



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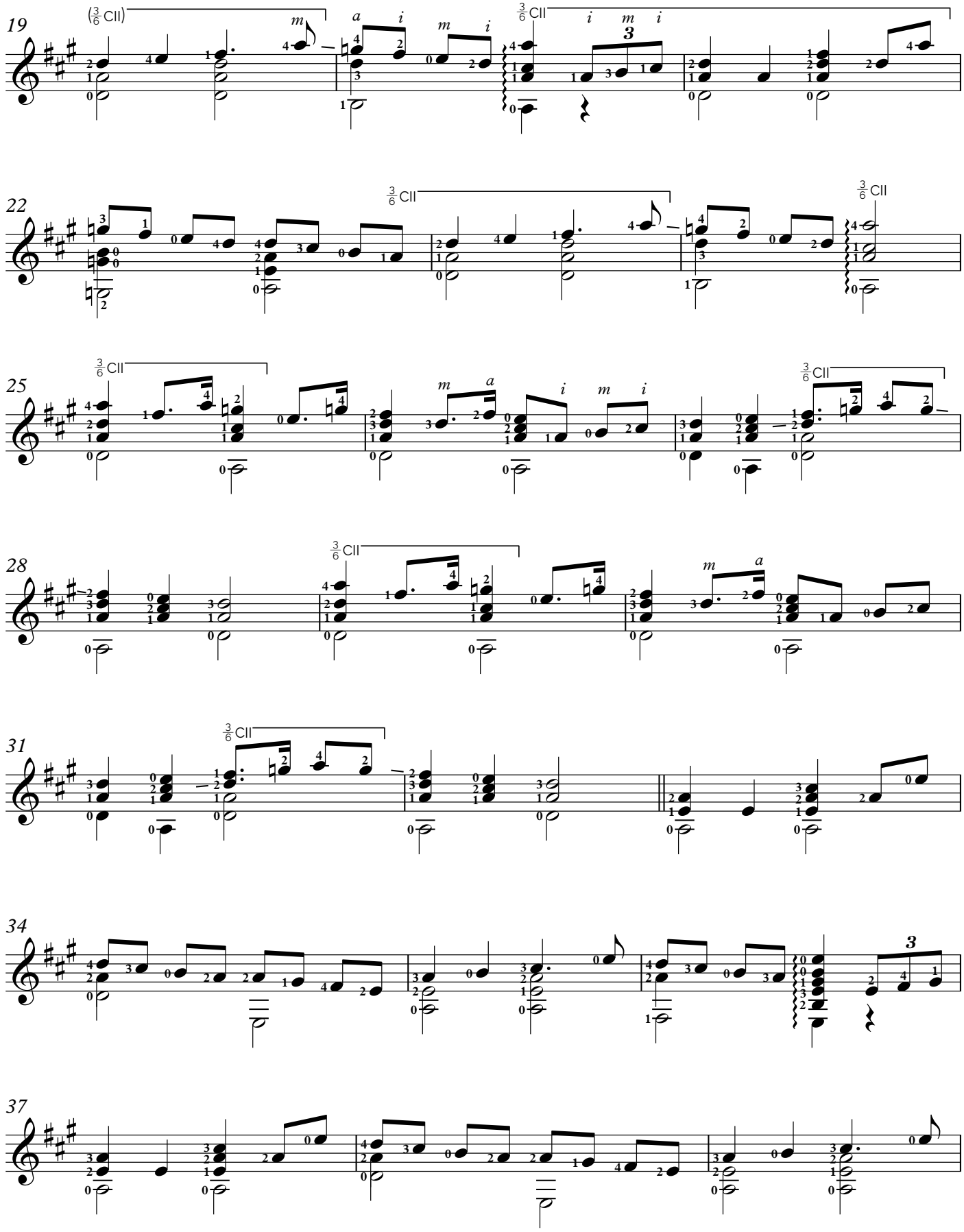

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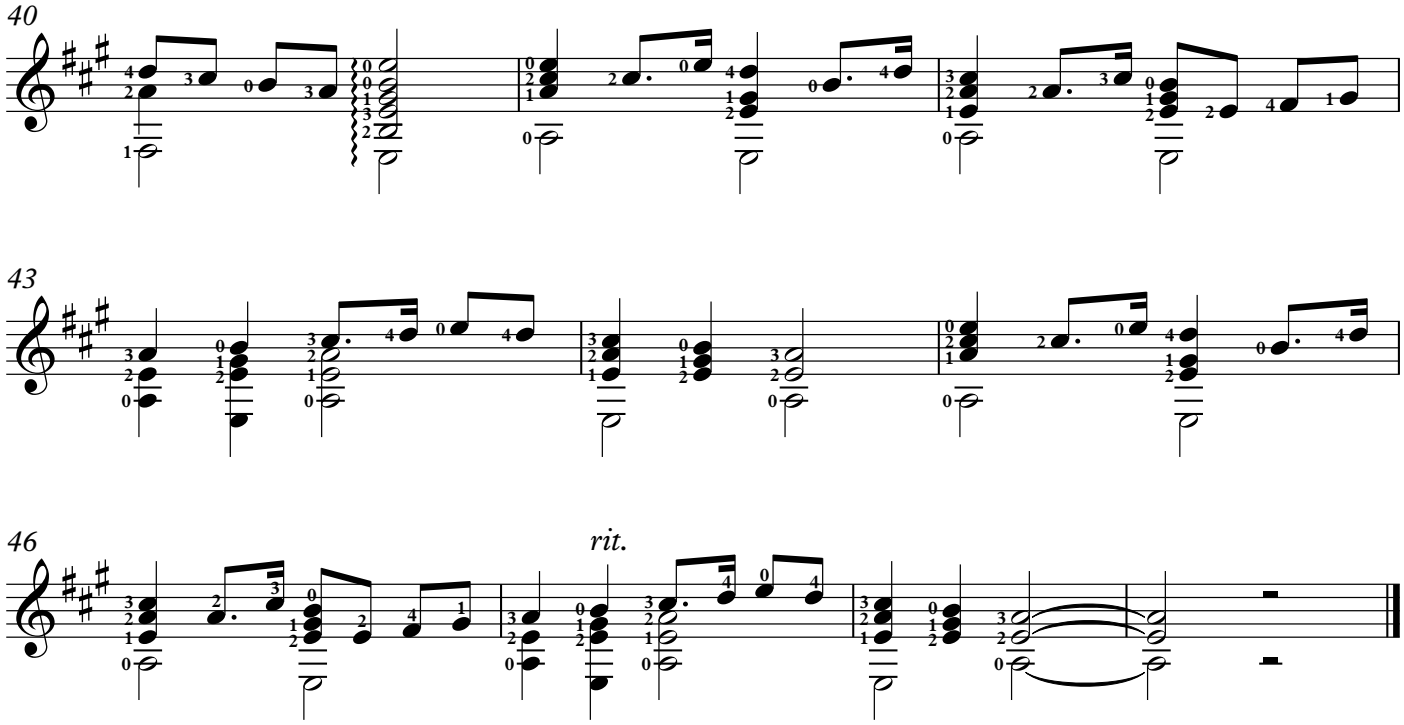

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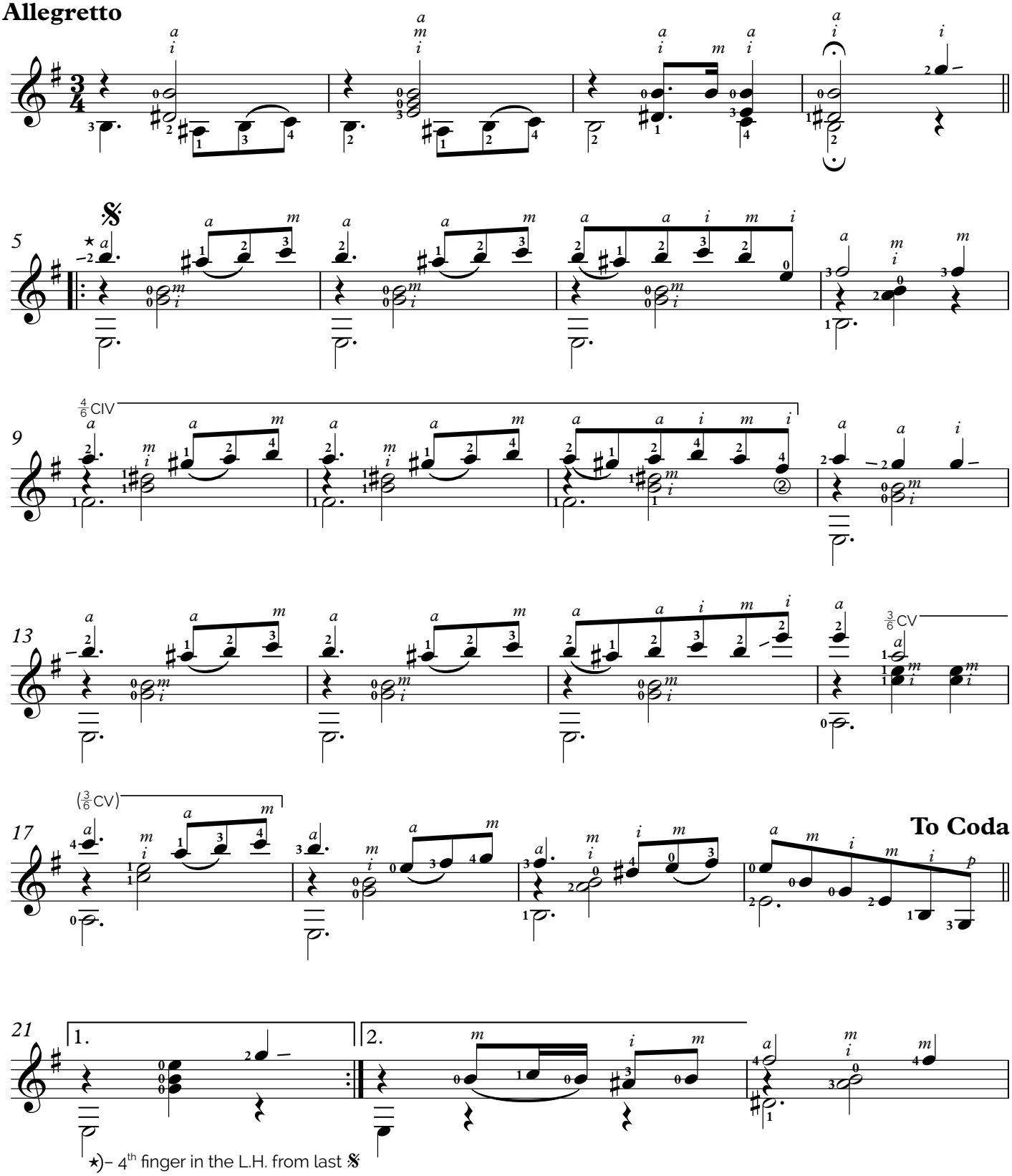
Mi Favorita

Mazurka for Guitar

Anonymous

Allegretto



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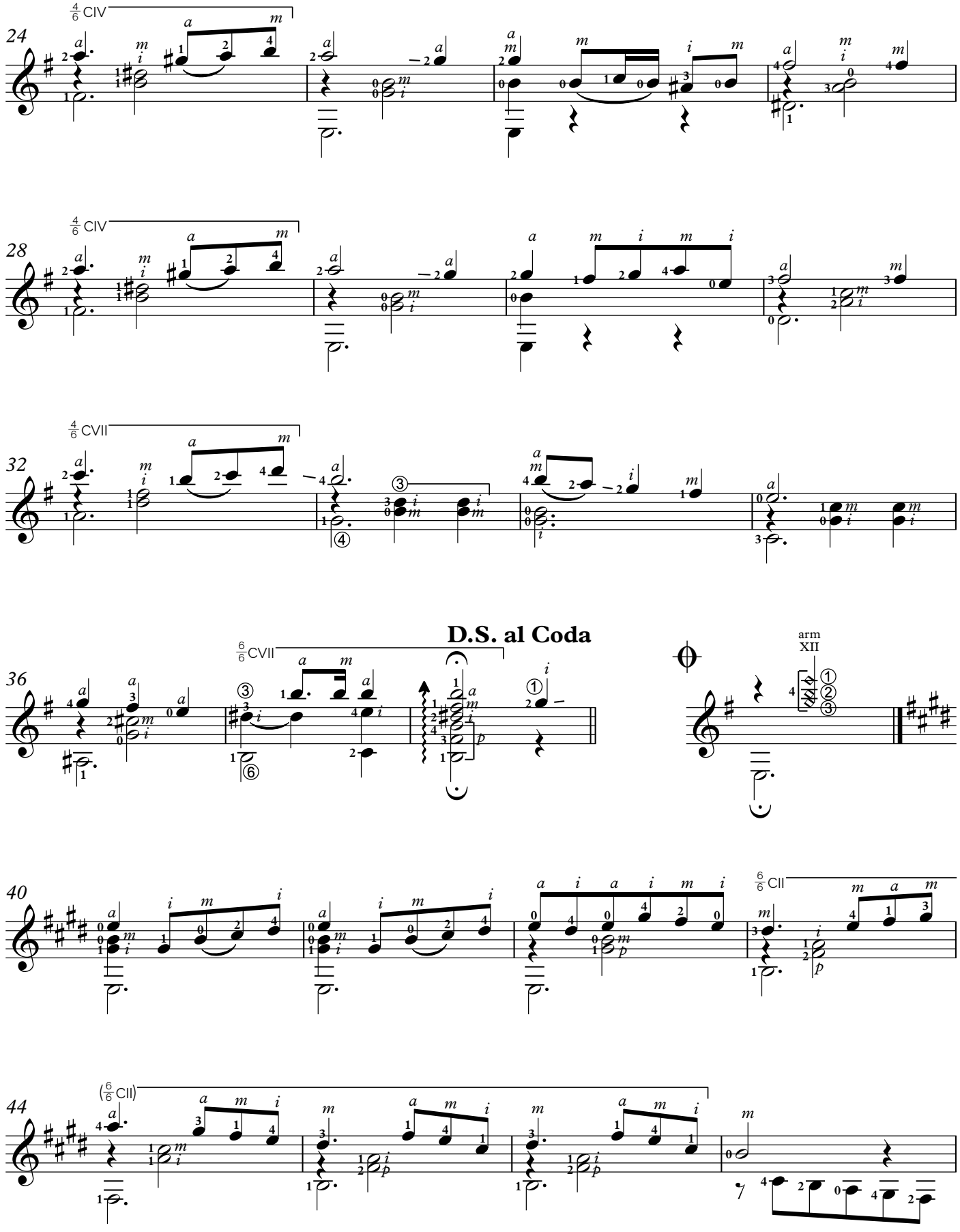

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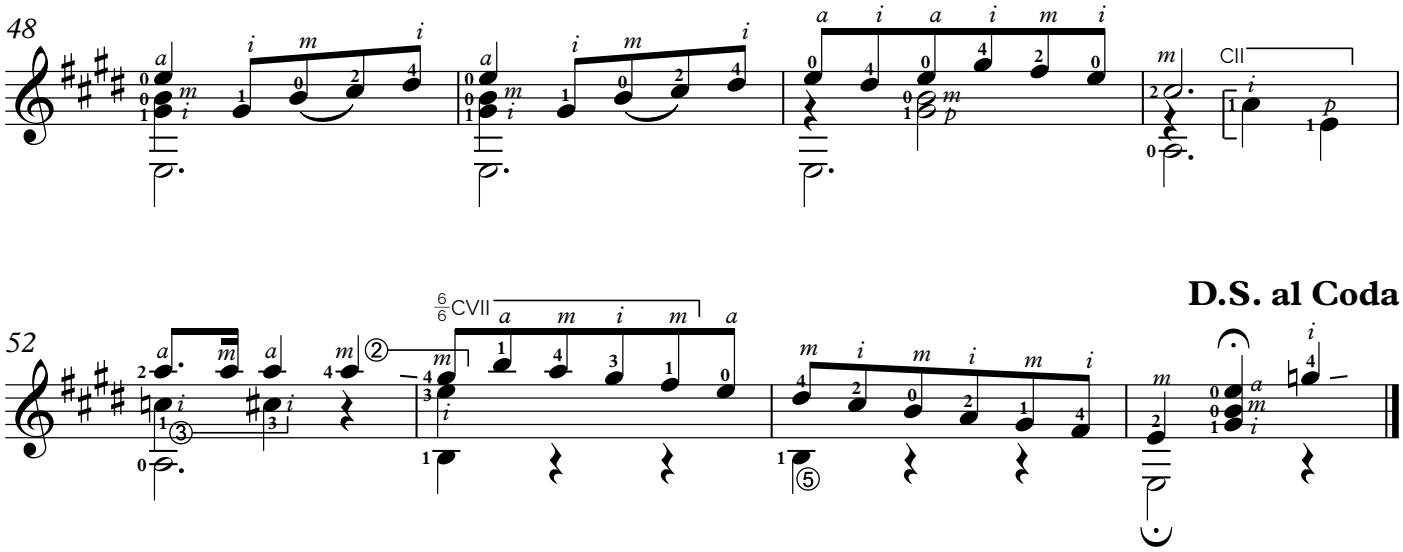

D.S. al Coda

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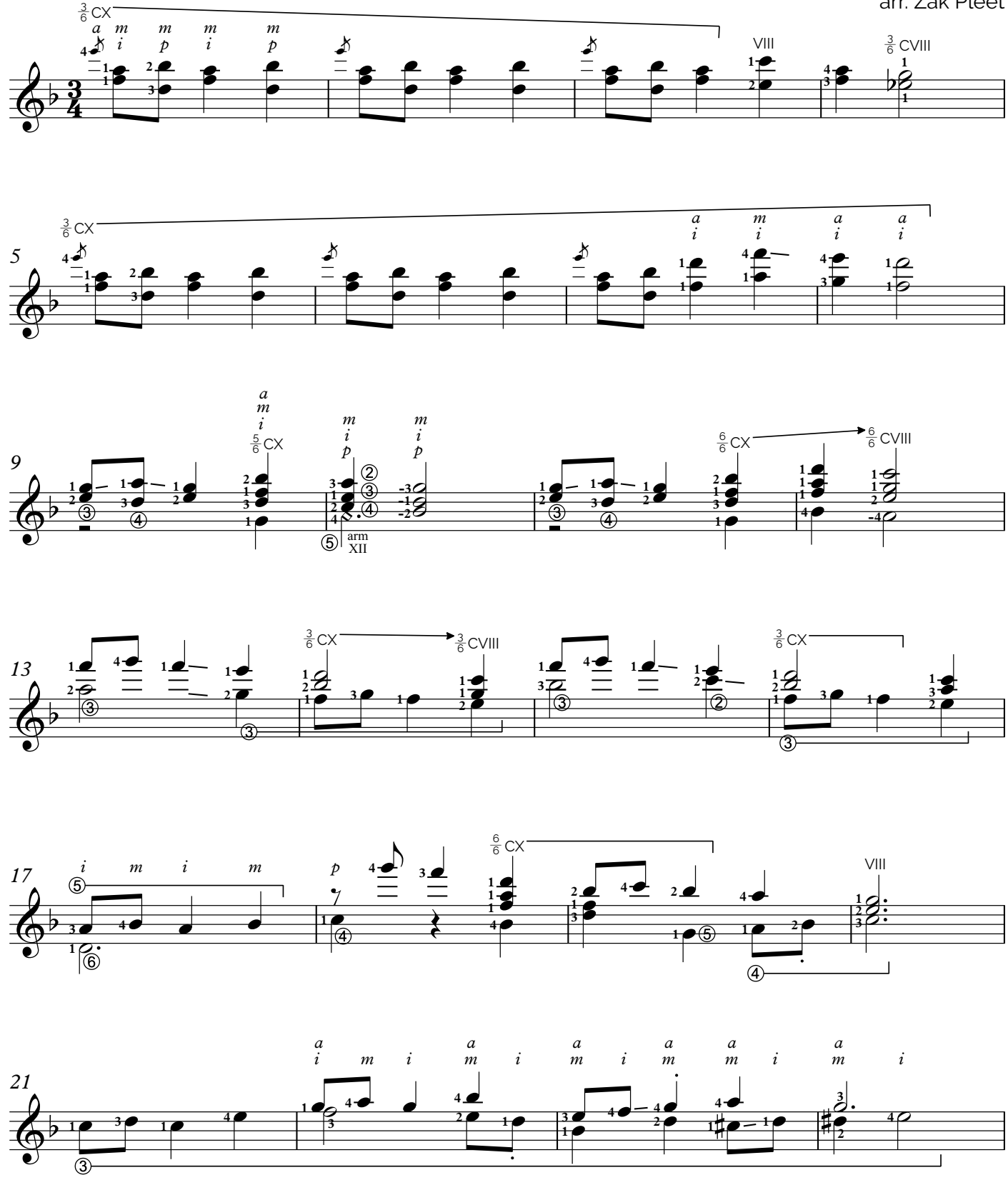
Romance del Pescador

Manuel de Falla
(1876-1946)
arr. Zak Pleet

Andante molto tranquillo



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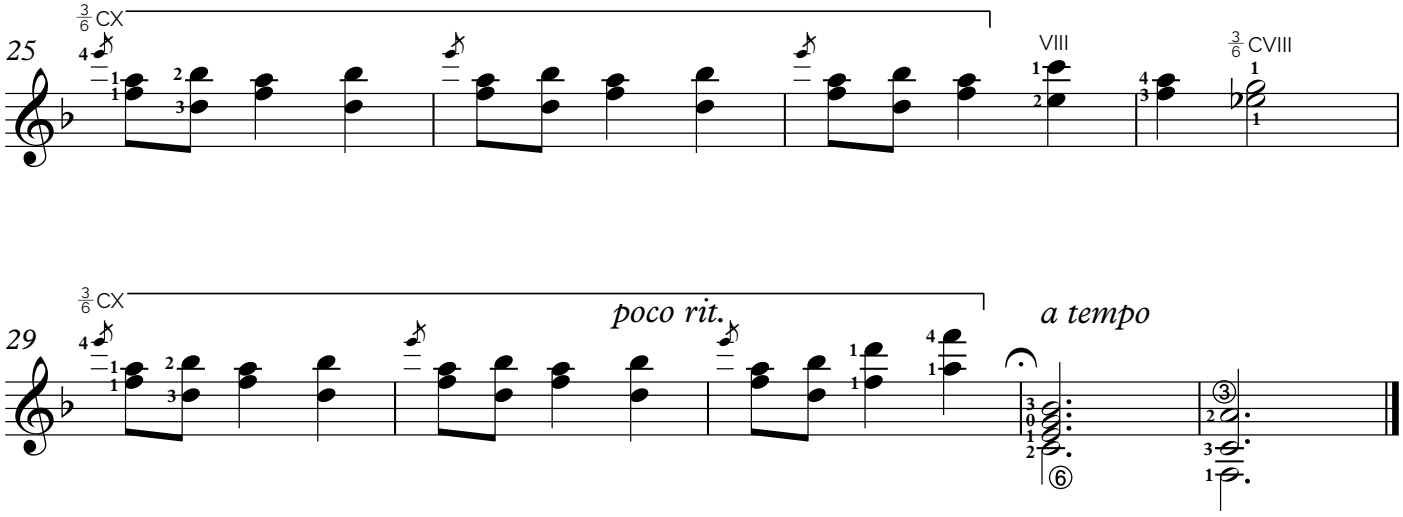

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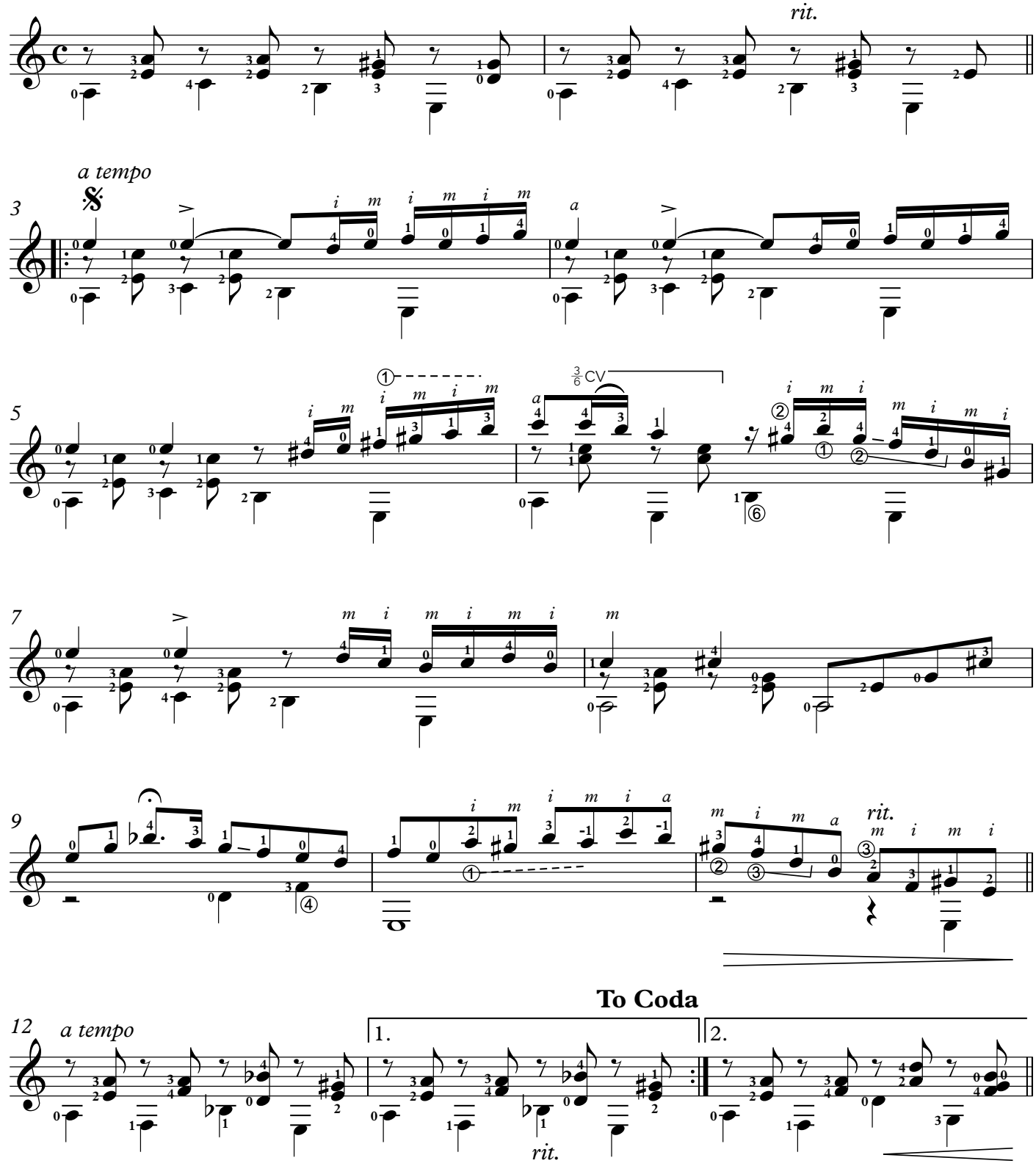
Capricho Árabe

(Simplified Arrangement in A-minor)

Francisco Tárrega
(1852 – 1909)

Andantino (♩. = 70)



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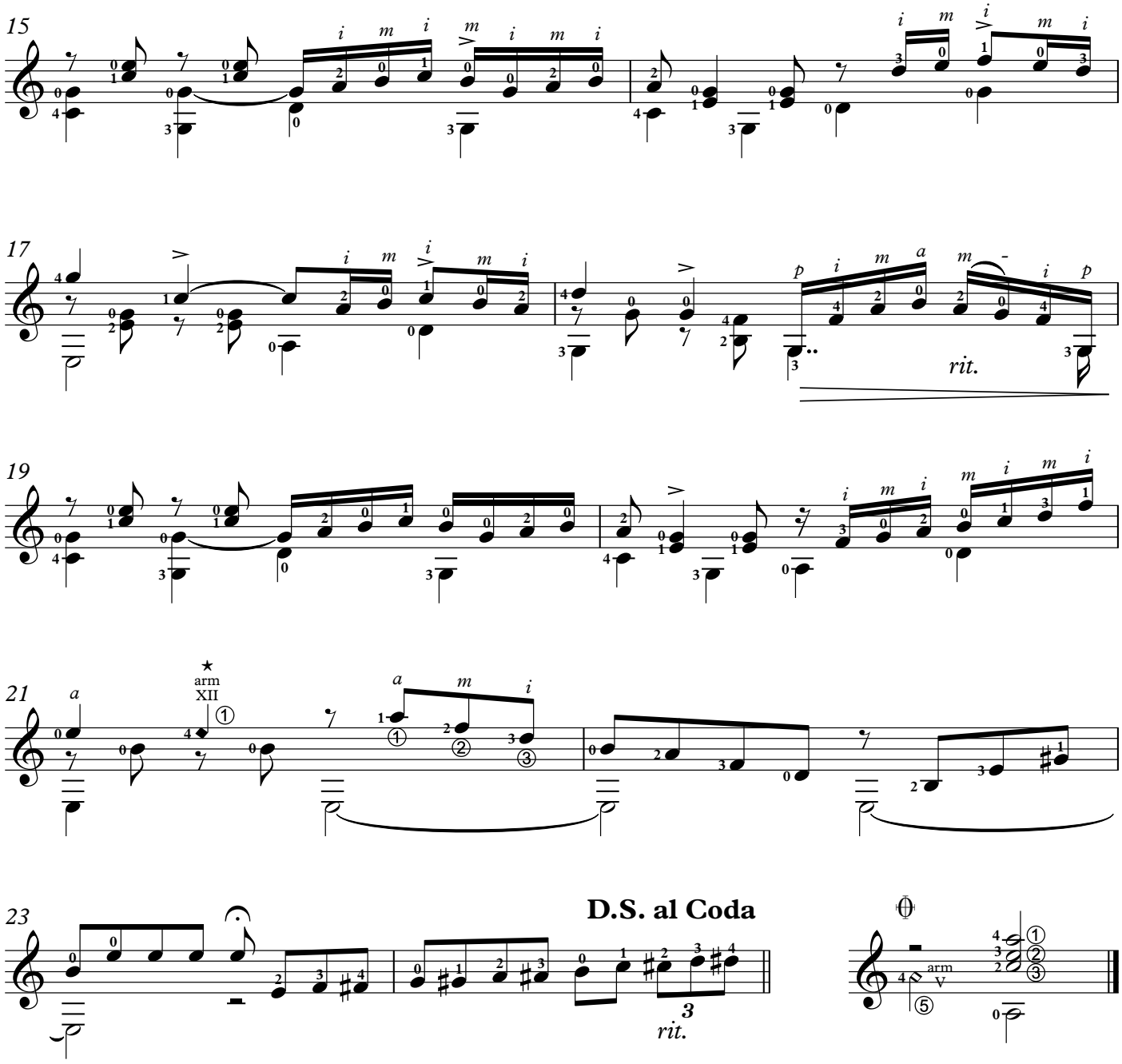

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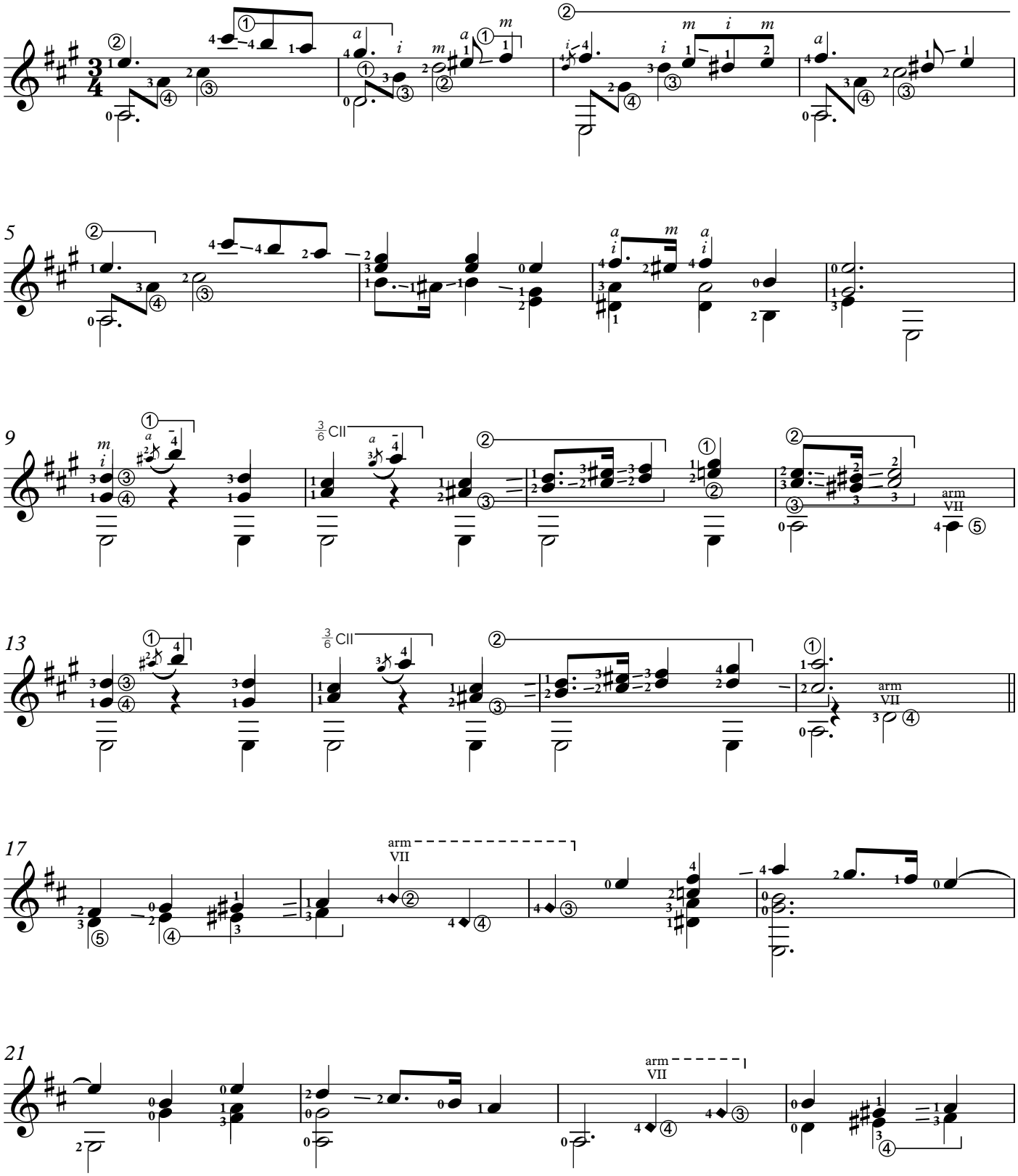
La Saltarina

Polka Mazurca

Julián Arcas
(1832-1882)



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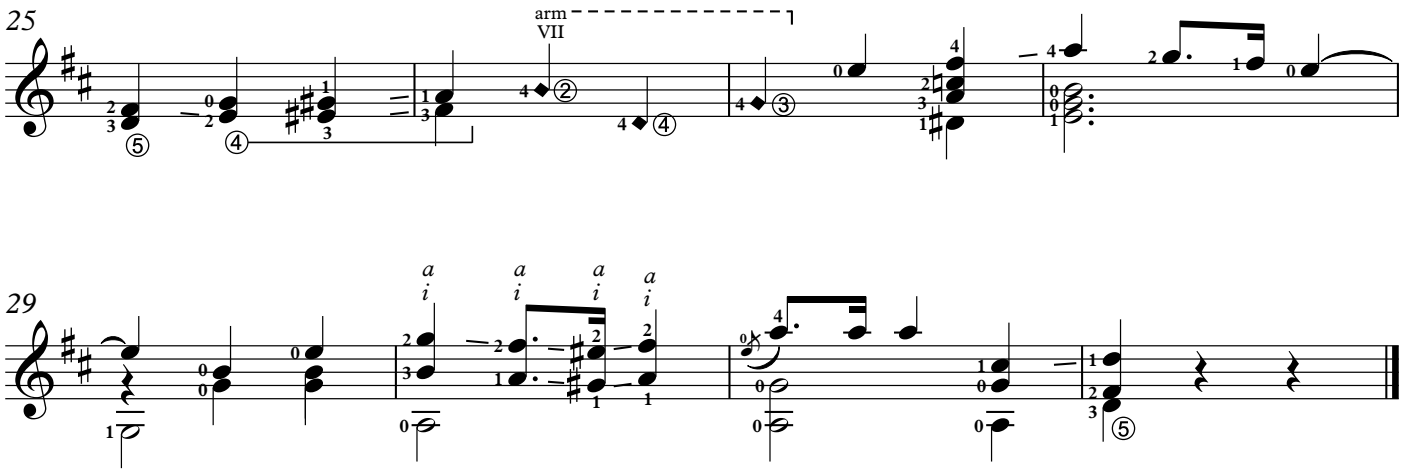

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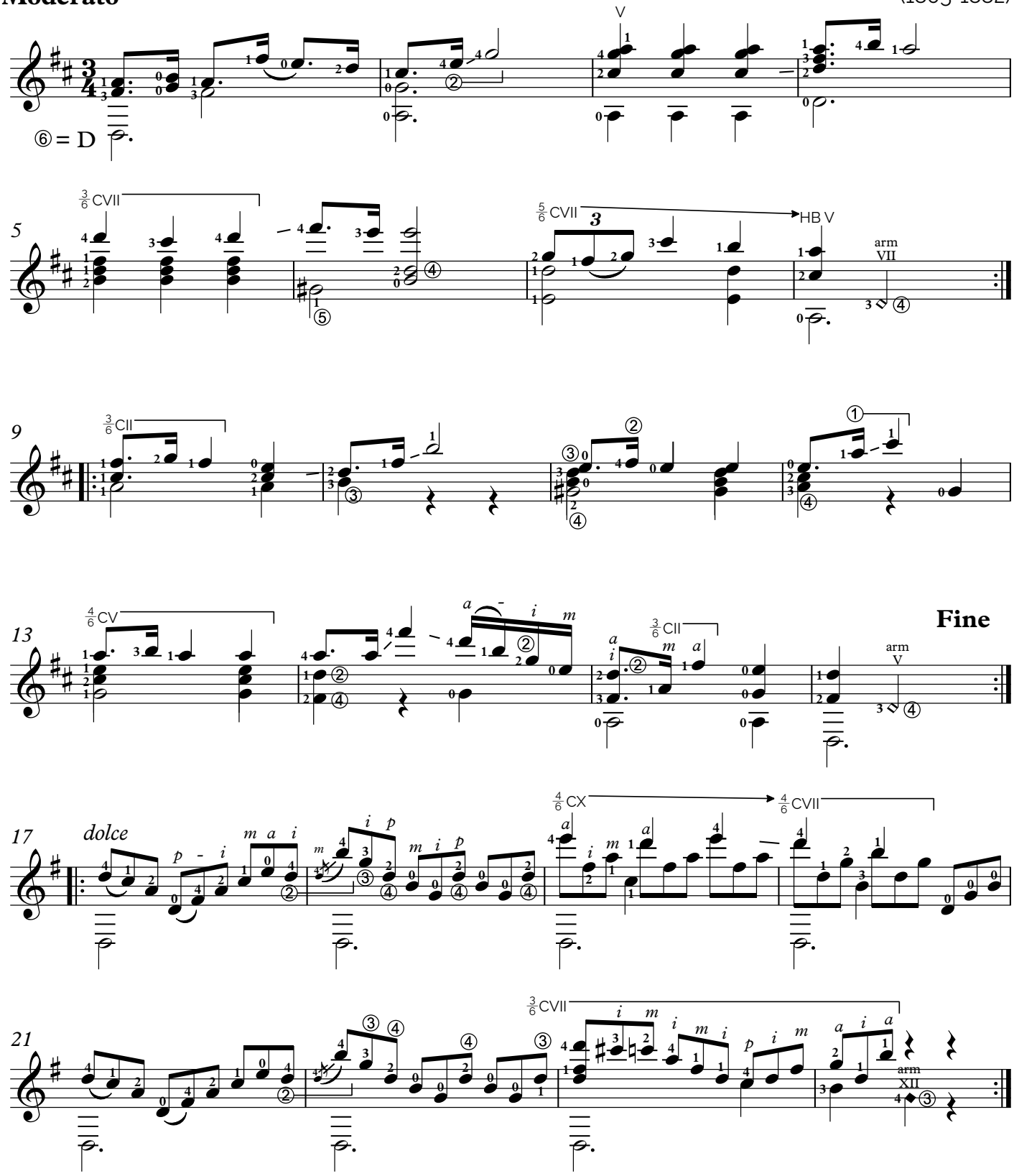
Una Flor

(Mazurka)

José Brocá
(1805-1882)

Moderato



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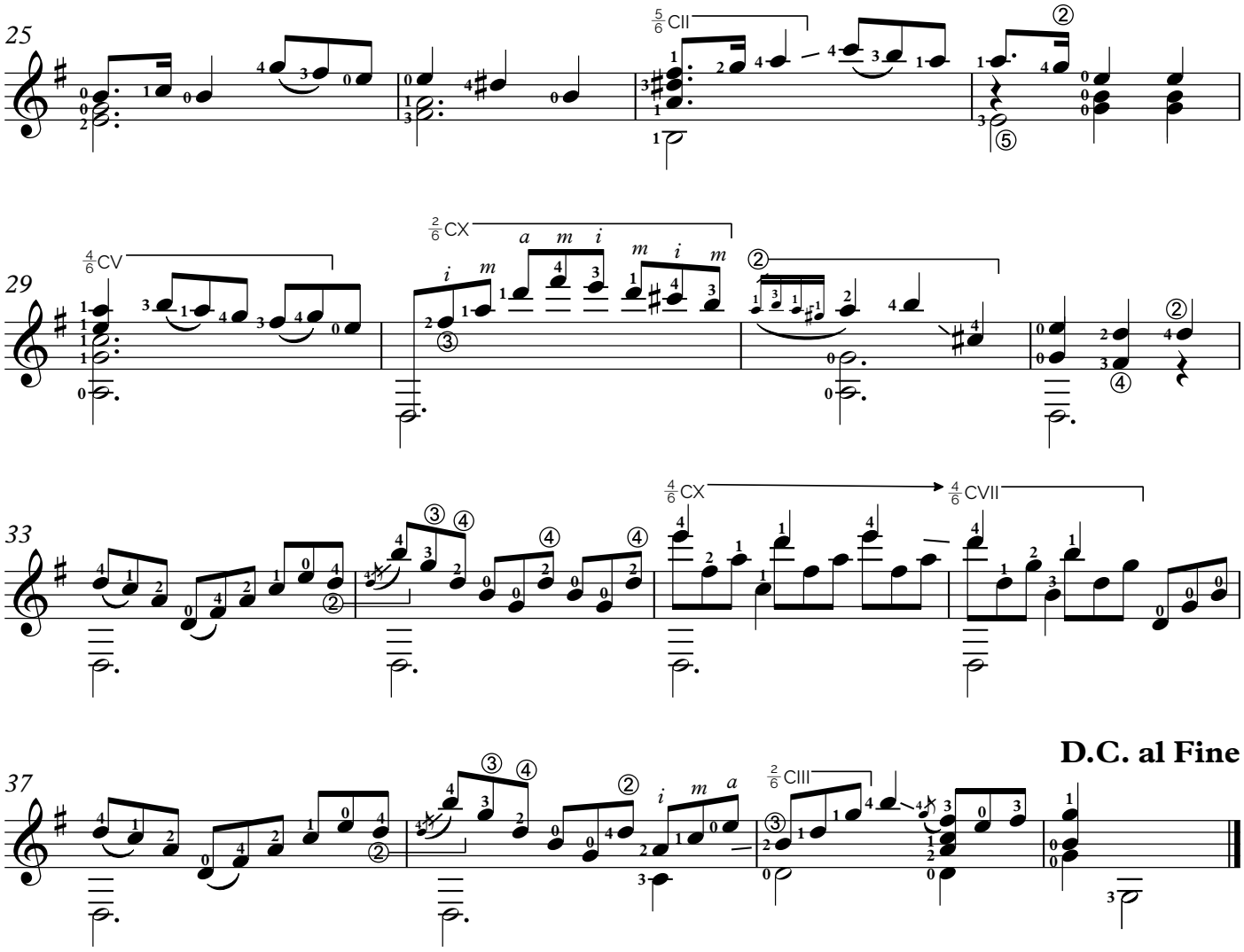

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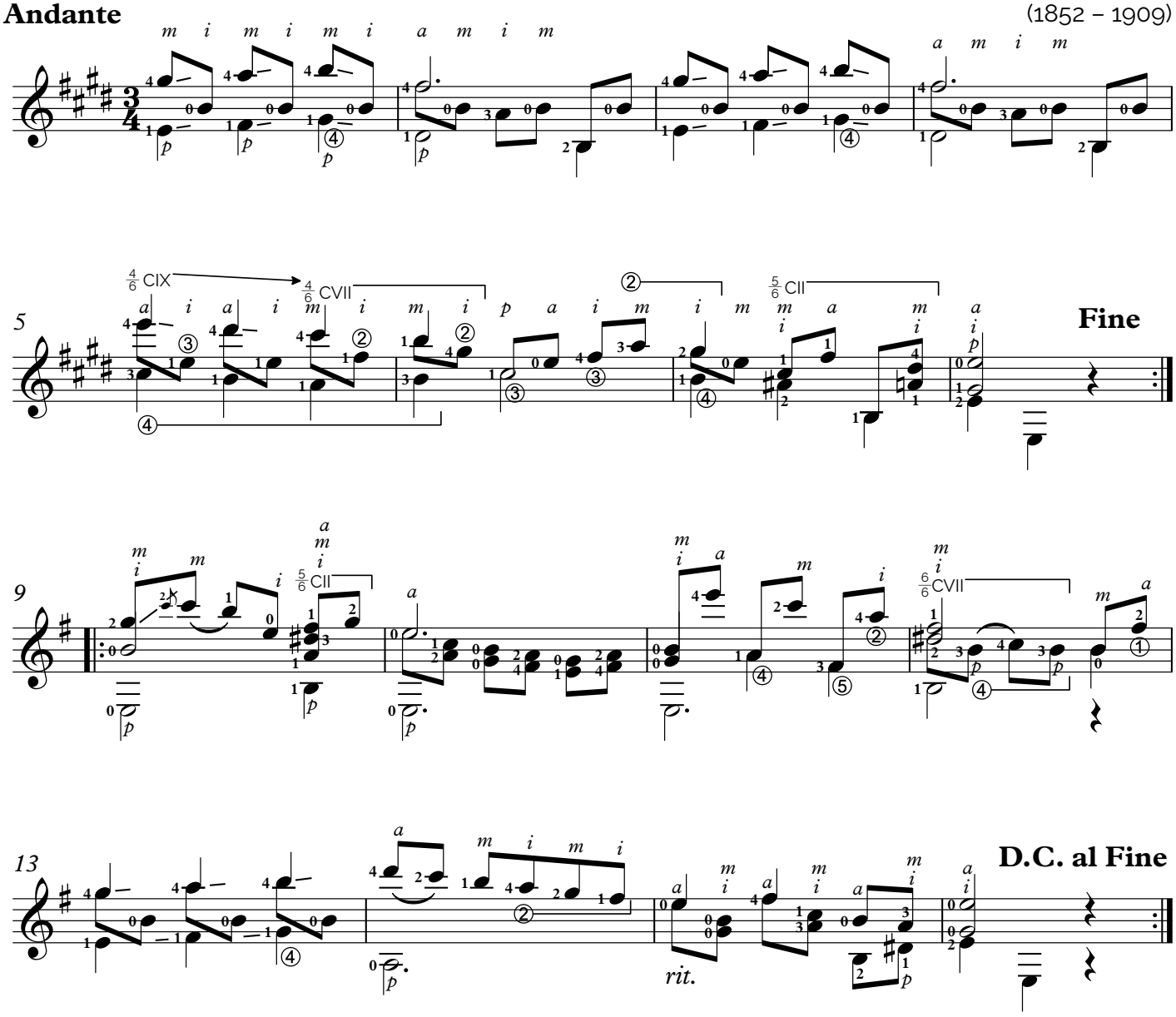
Lágrima

Tear (Prelude)

Francisco Tárrega
(1852 – 1909)

Andante



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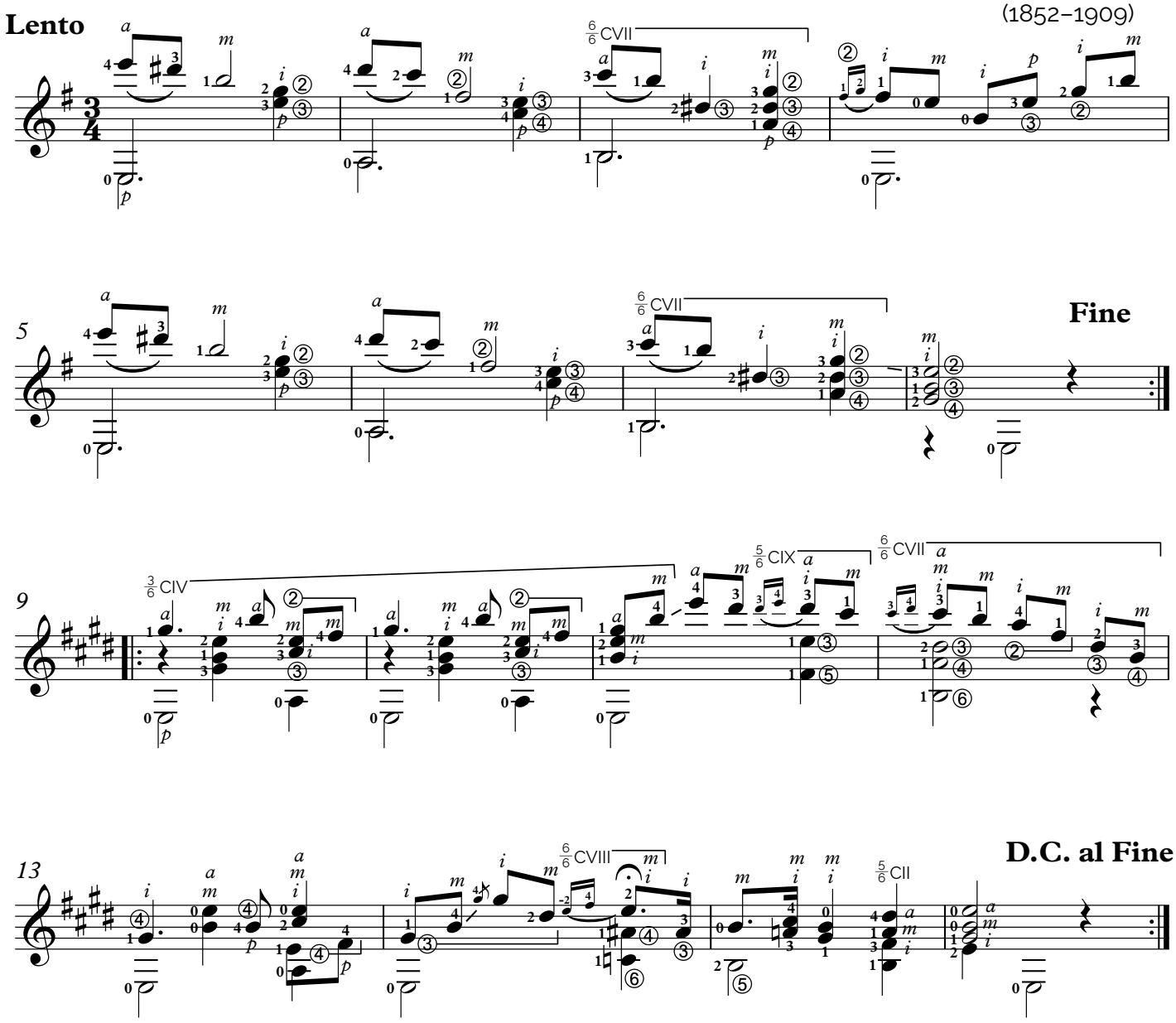
Adelita

Francisco Tárrega
(1852–1909)



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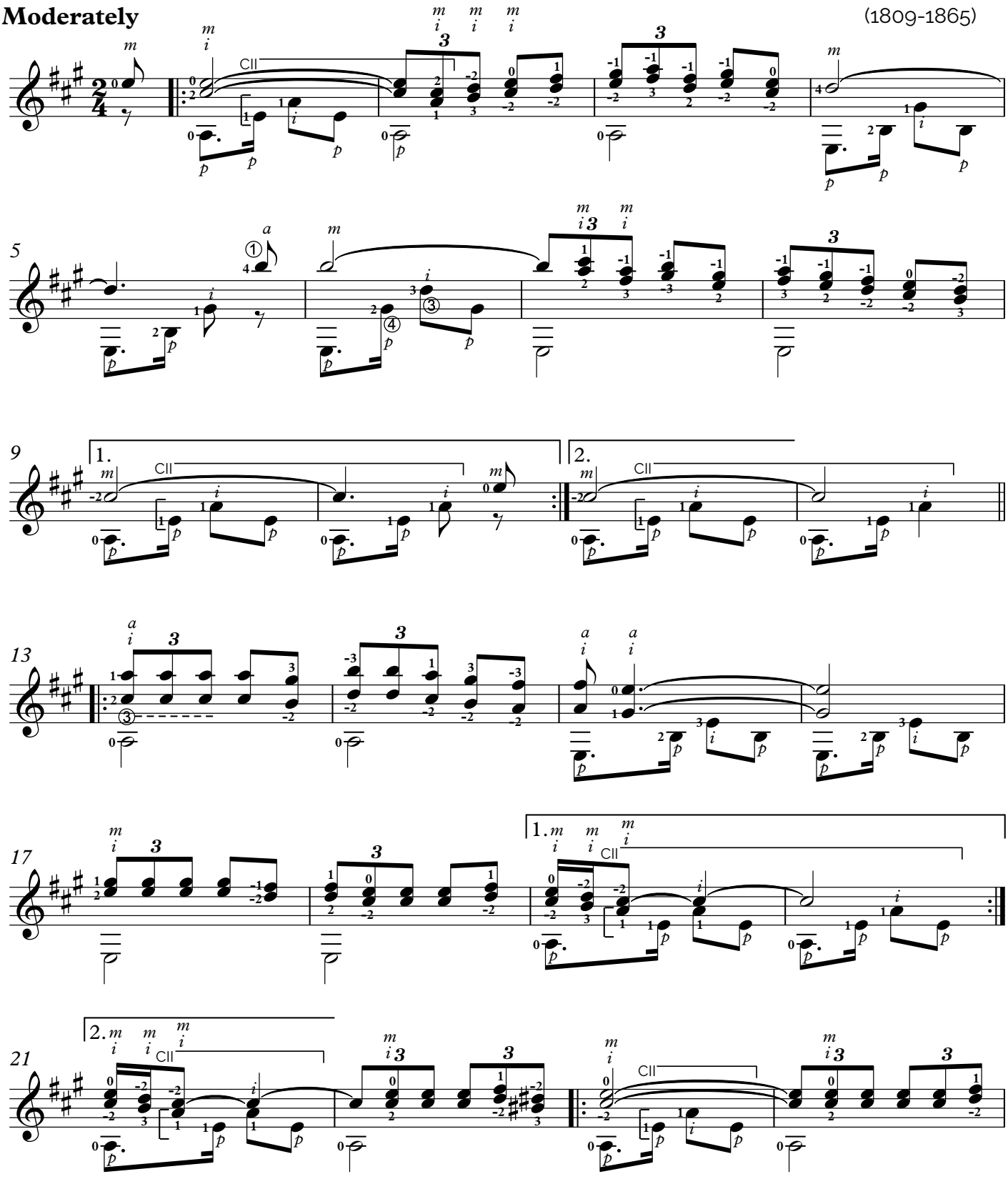
La Paloma

Sebastián Yradier
(1809-1865)

Moderately



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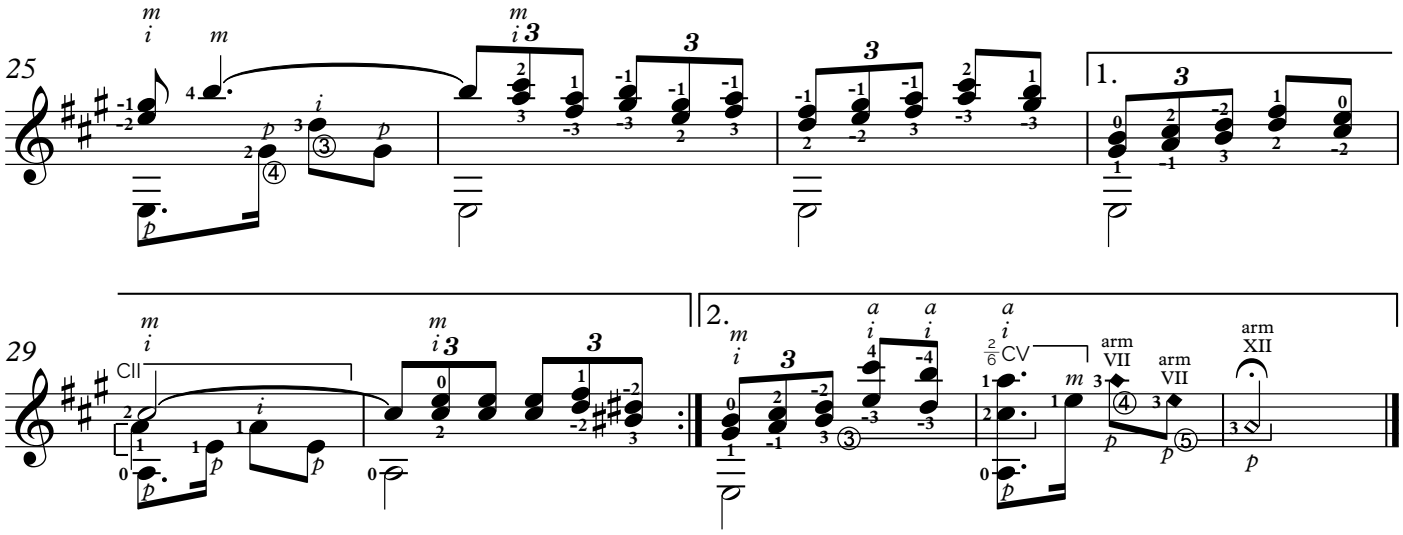

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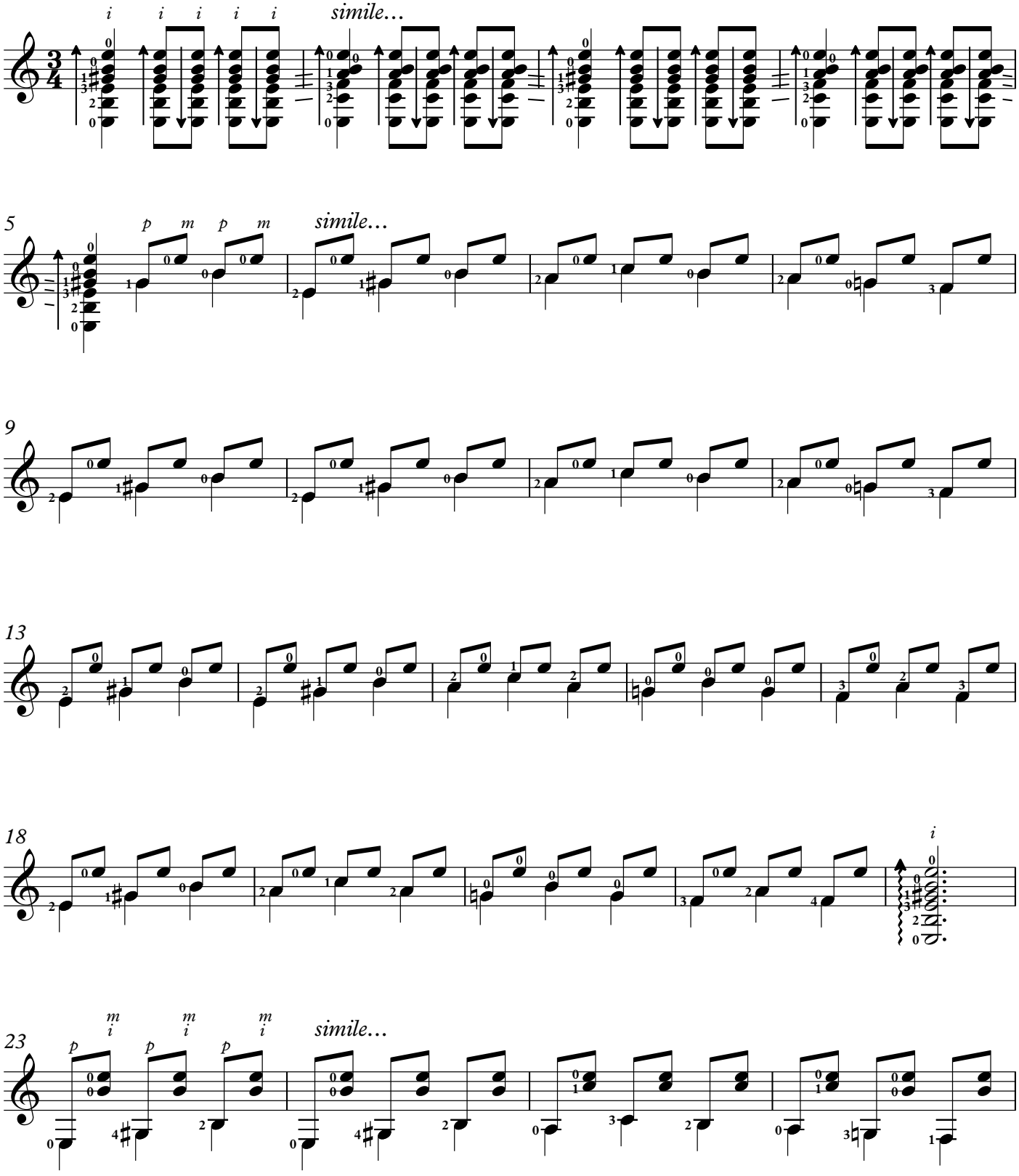
Malagueña

Ernesto Lecuona
(1895-1963)
arr. Ashton/Mathews



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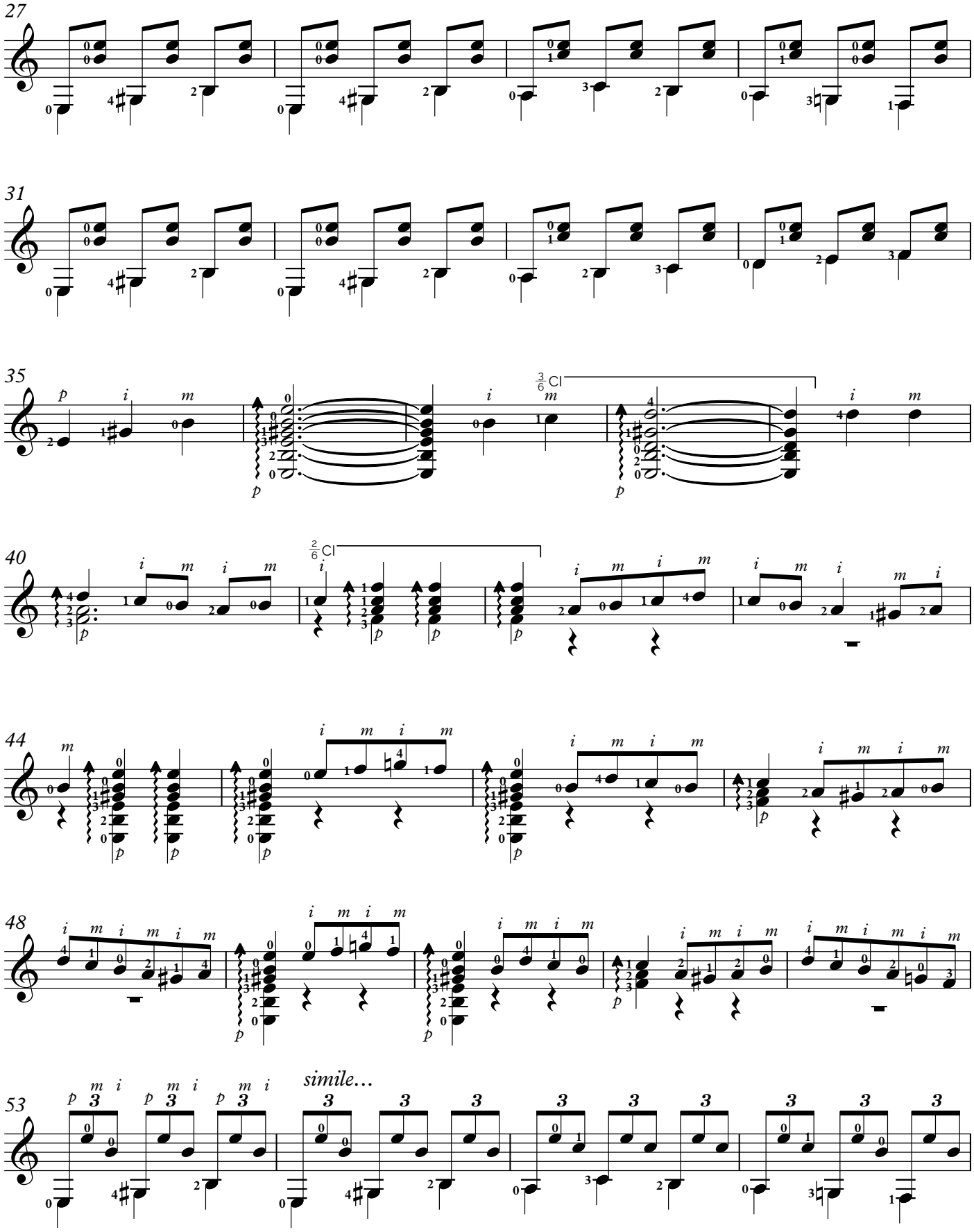

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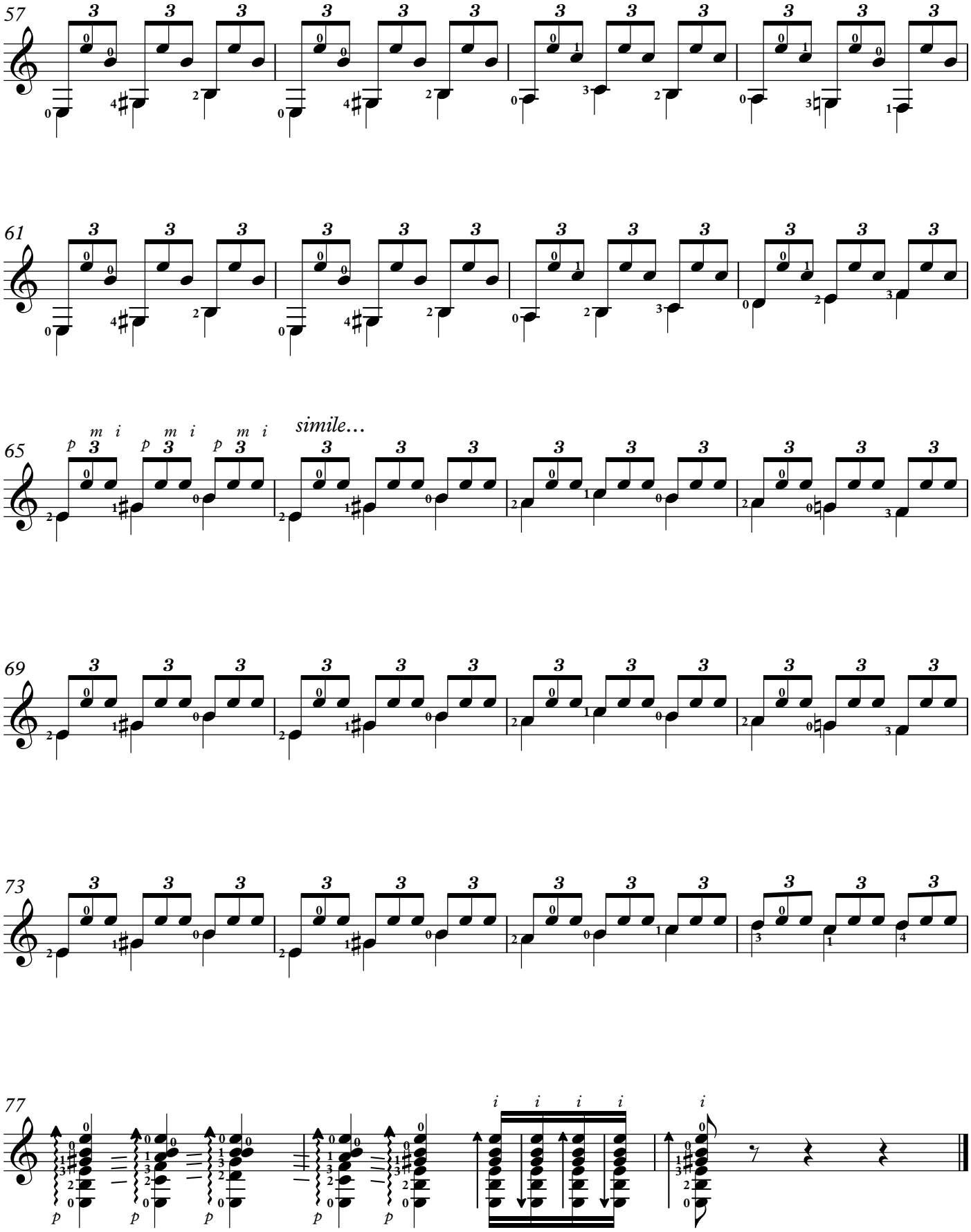

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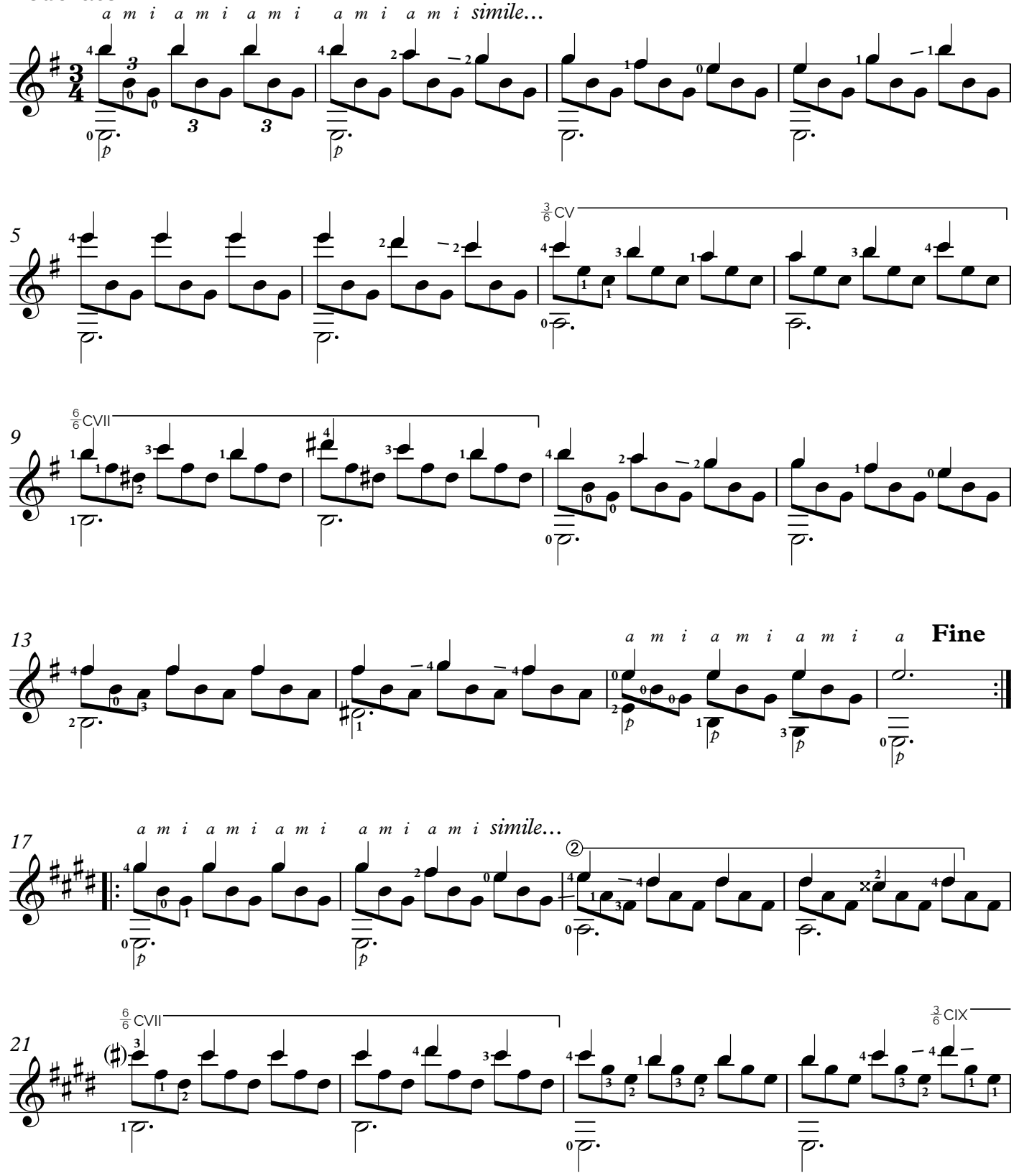
Spanish Romance

Anonymous

Moderato



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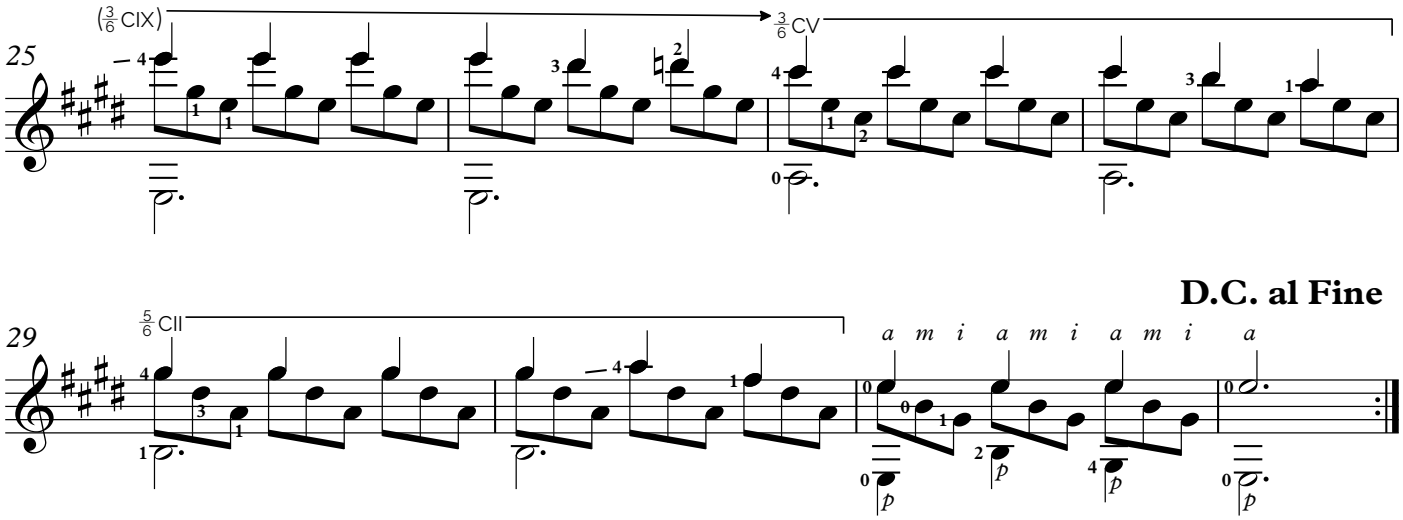

D.C. al Fine

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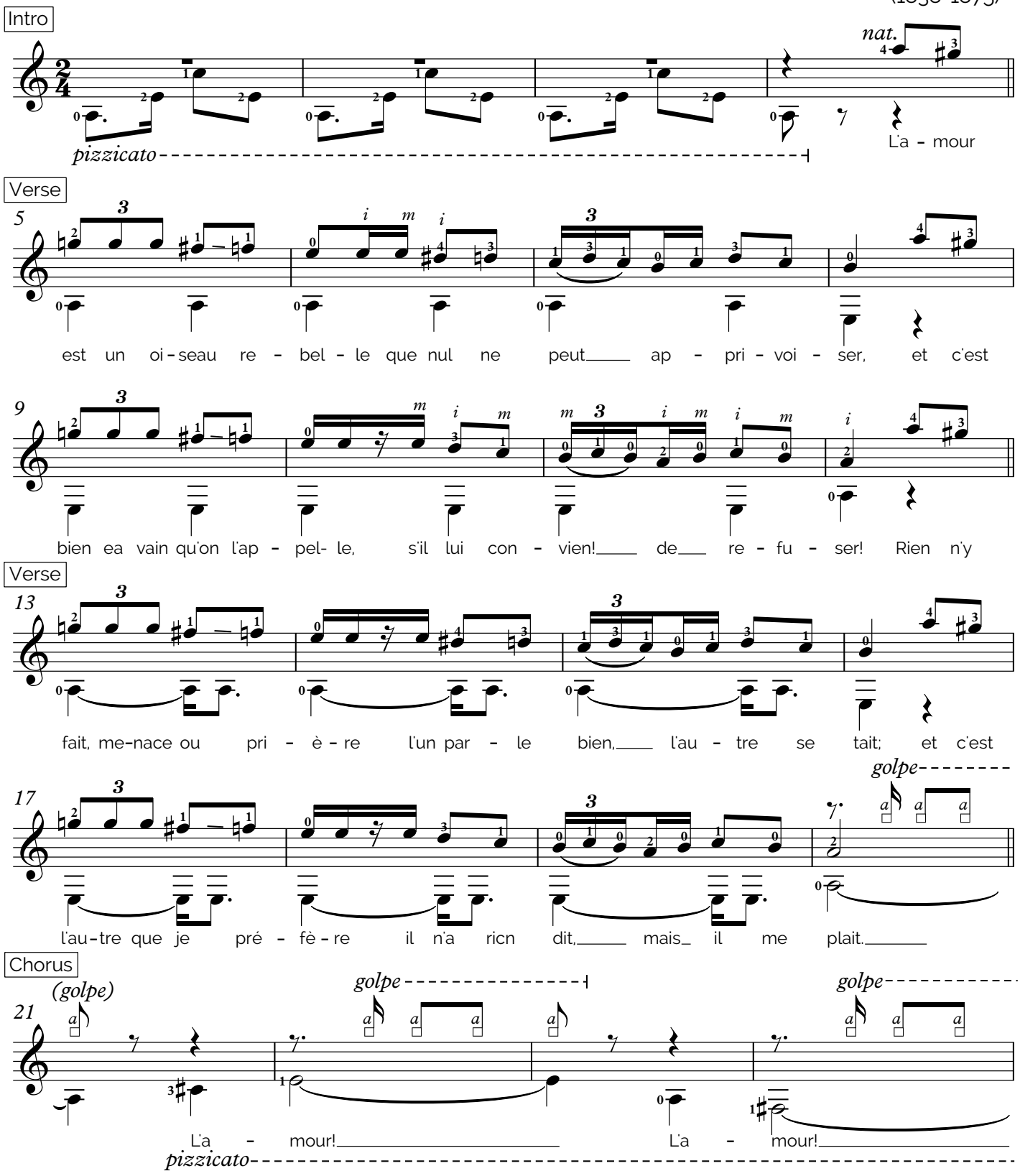
Habanera

from *Carmen*

Georges Bizet
(1838-1875)

Allegretto quasi Andantino



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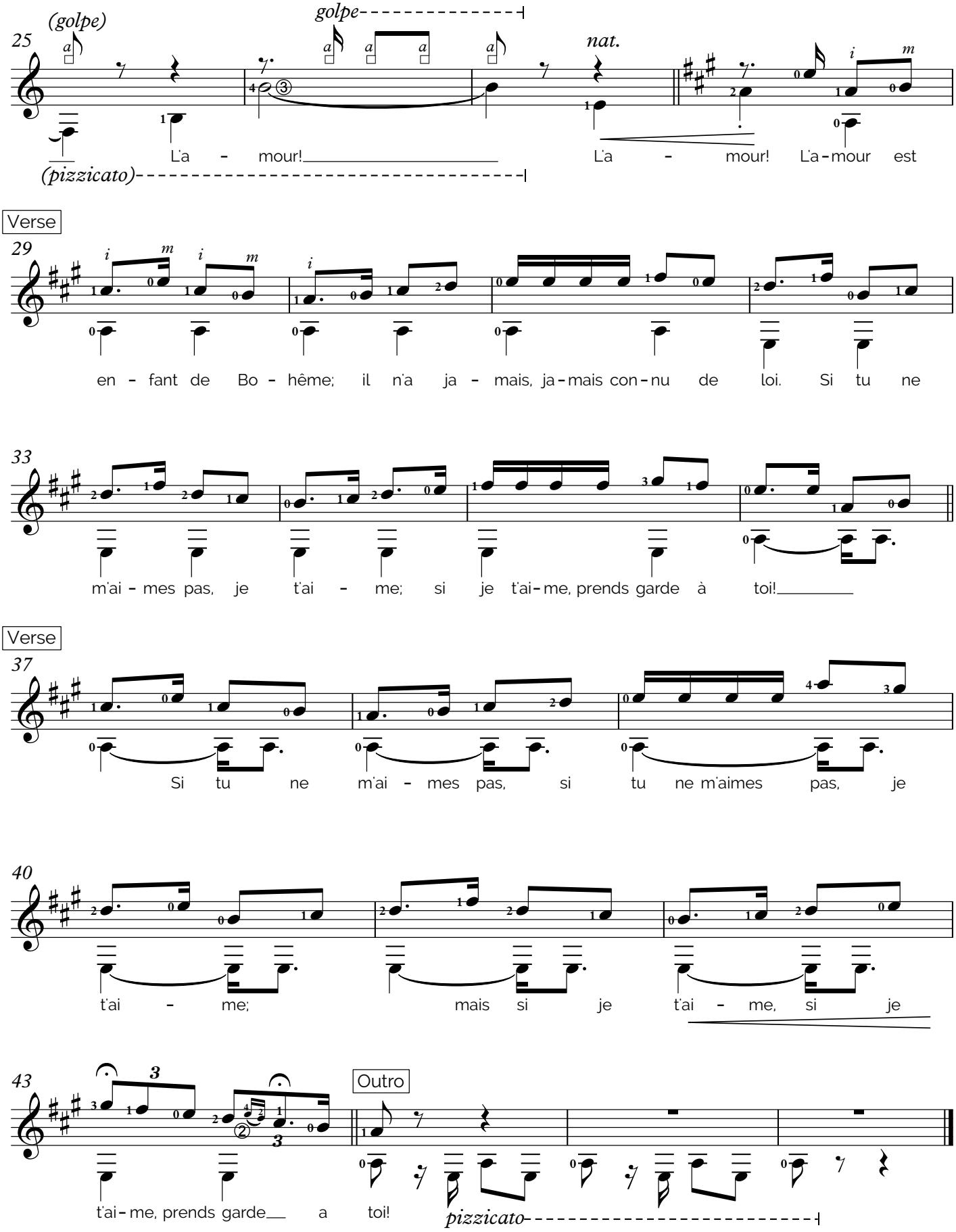

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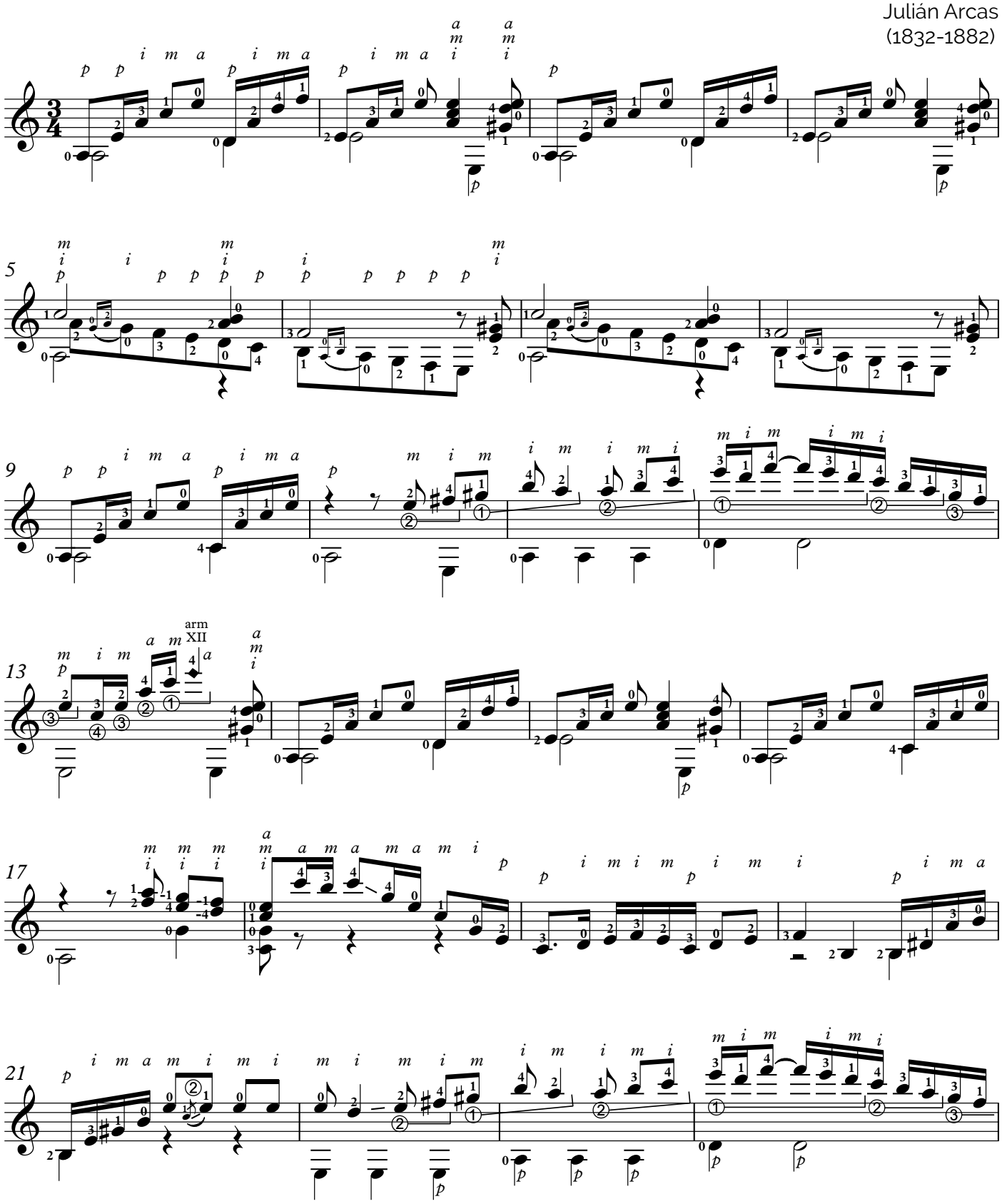
Bolero

Julián Arcas
(1832-1882)



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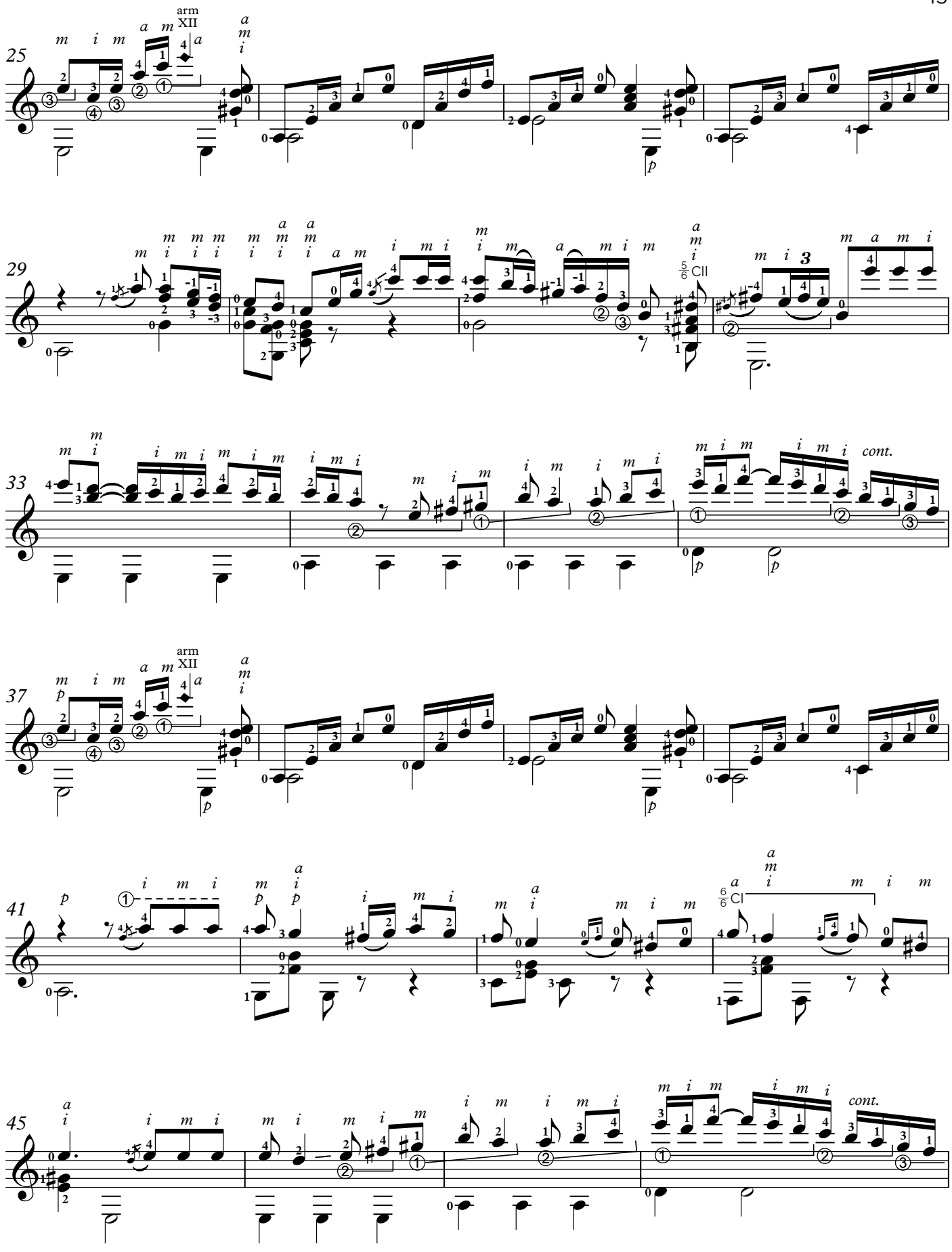

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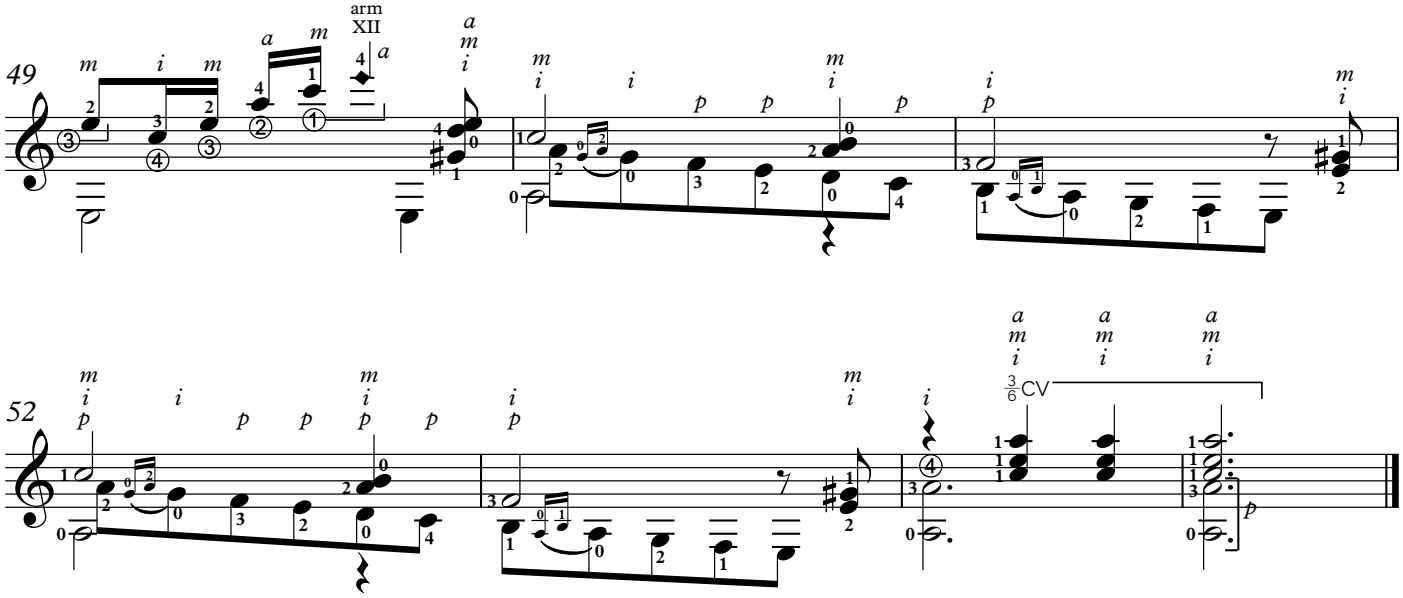

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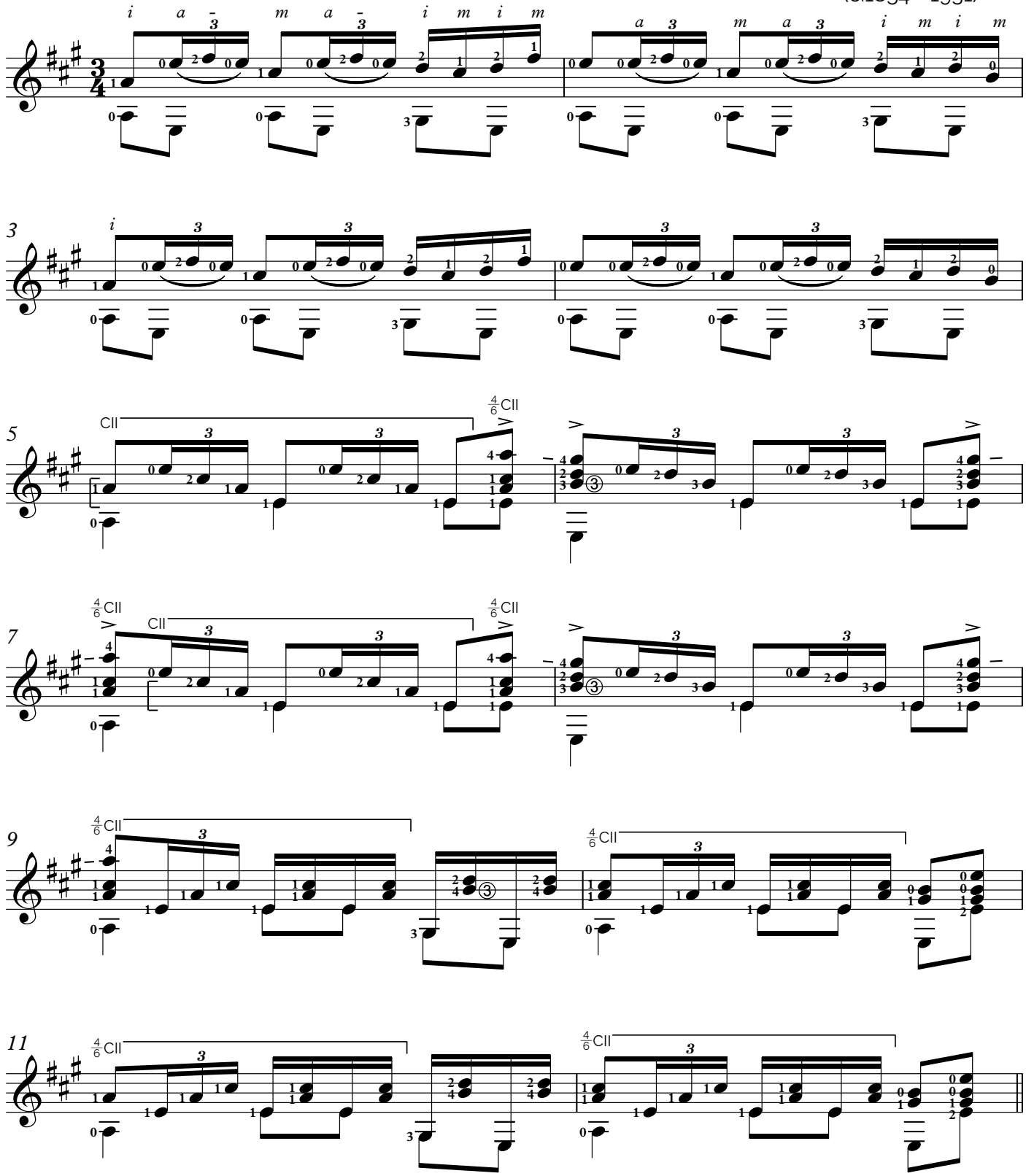
Sevillana

Allegretto (♪ = 160)

Severino García Fortea
(c.1854 - 1931)



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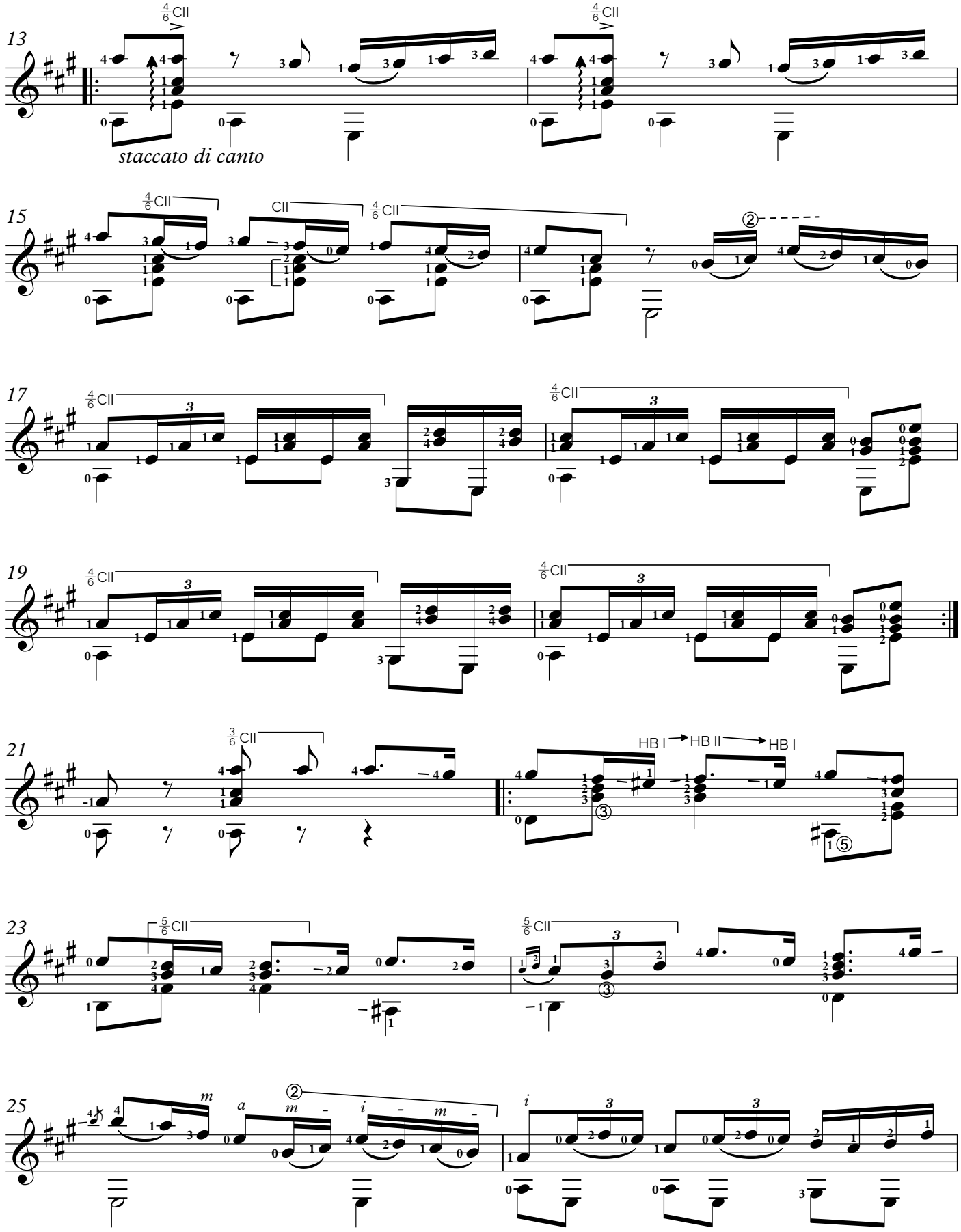

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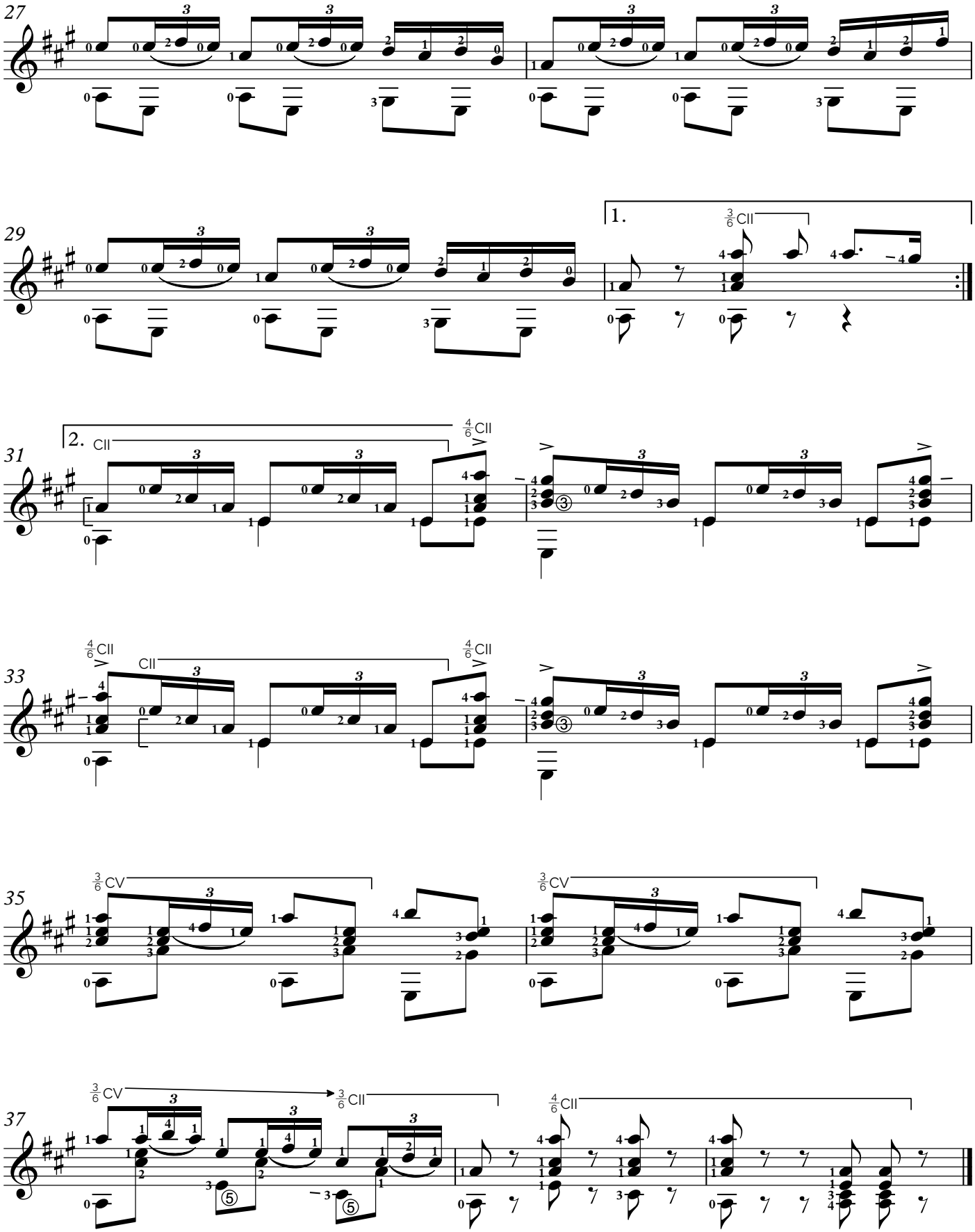

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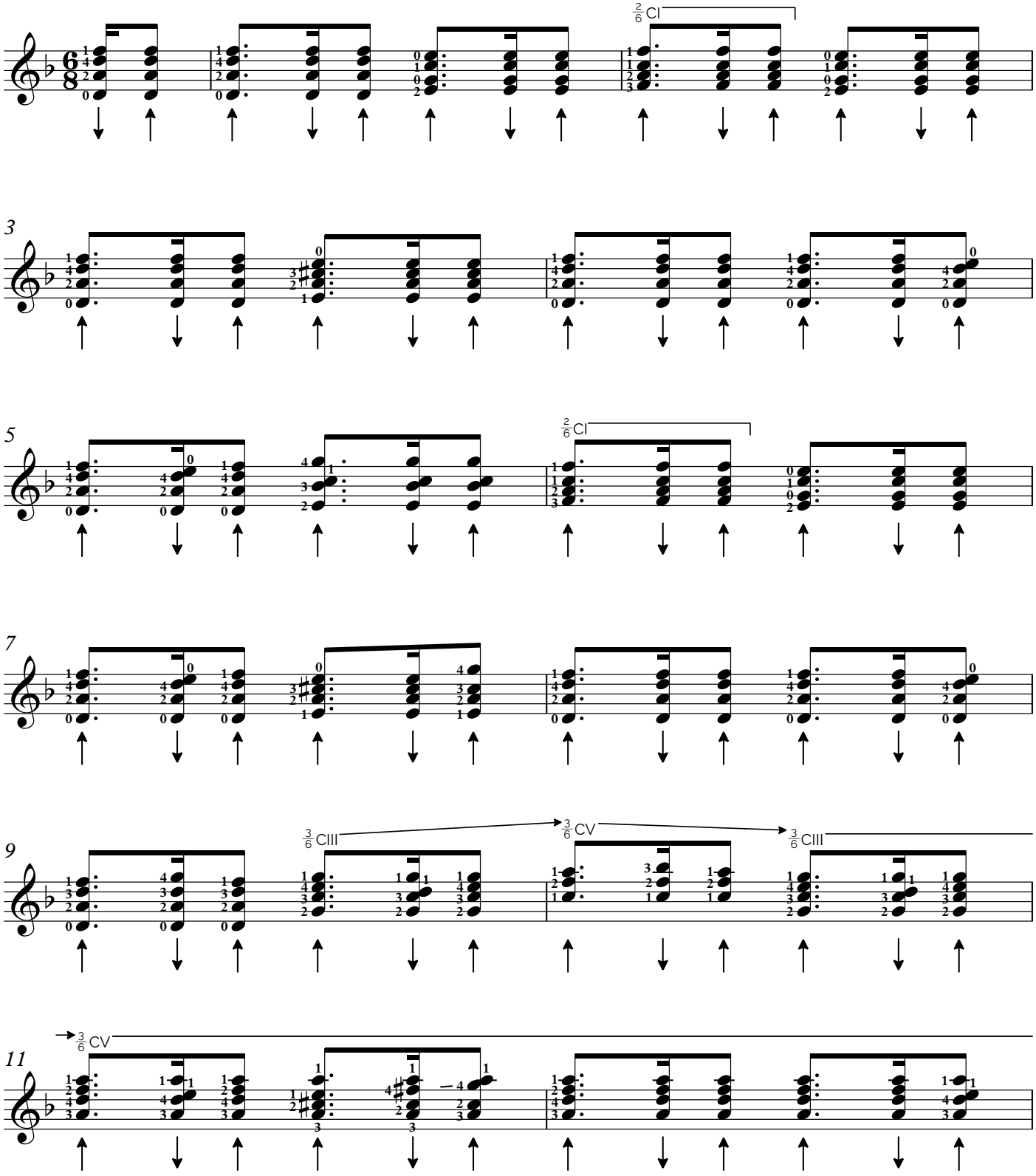
Tarantela

Santiago de Murcia
(1673 - 1739)



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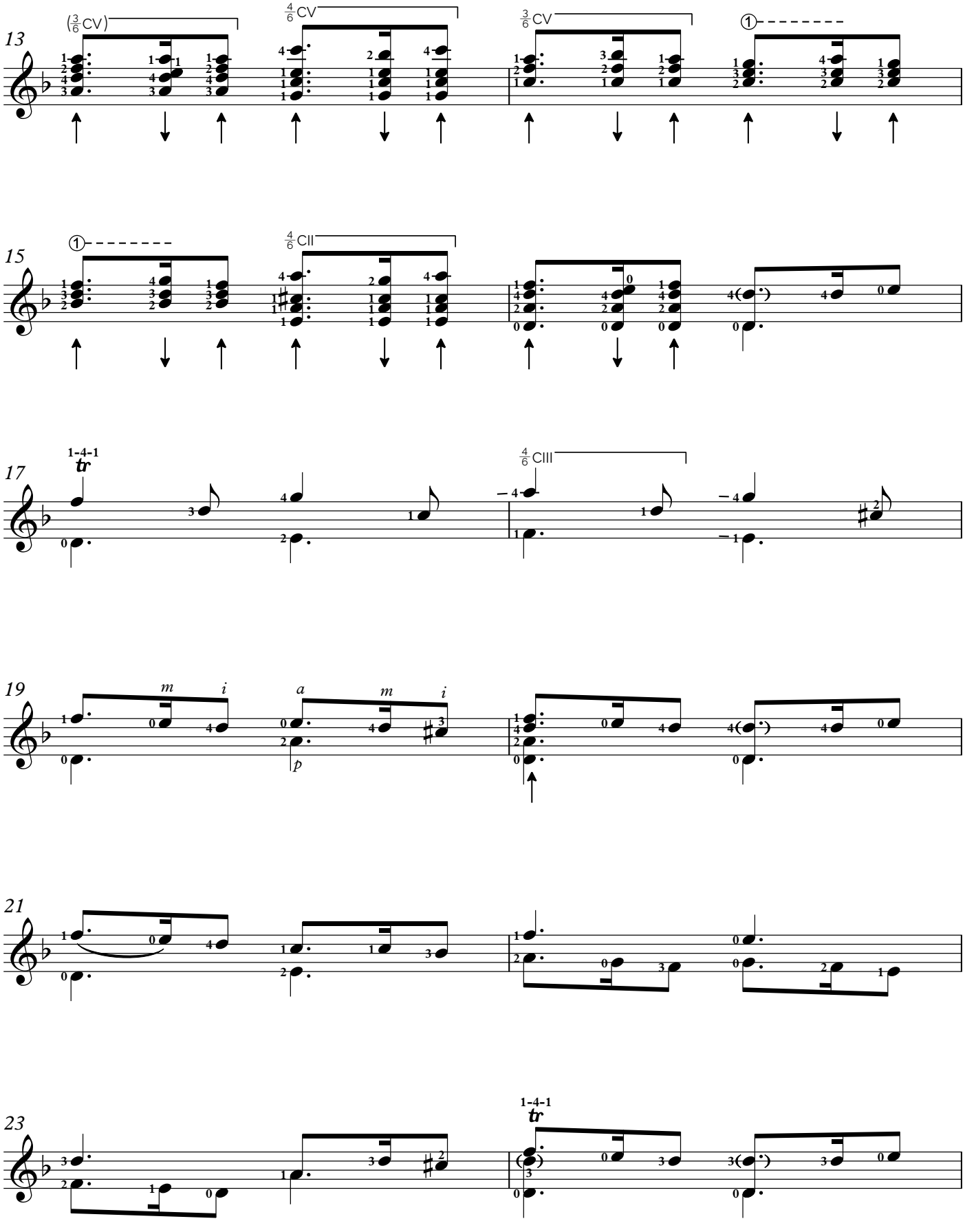

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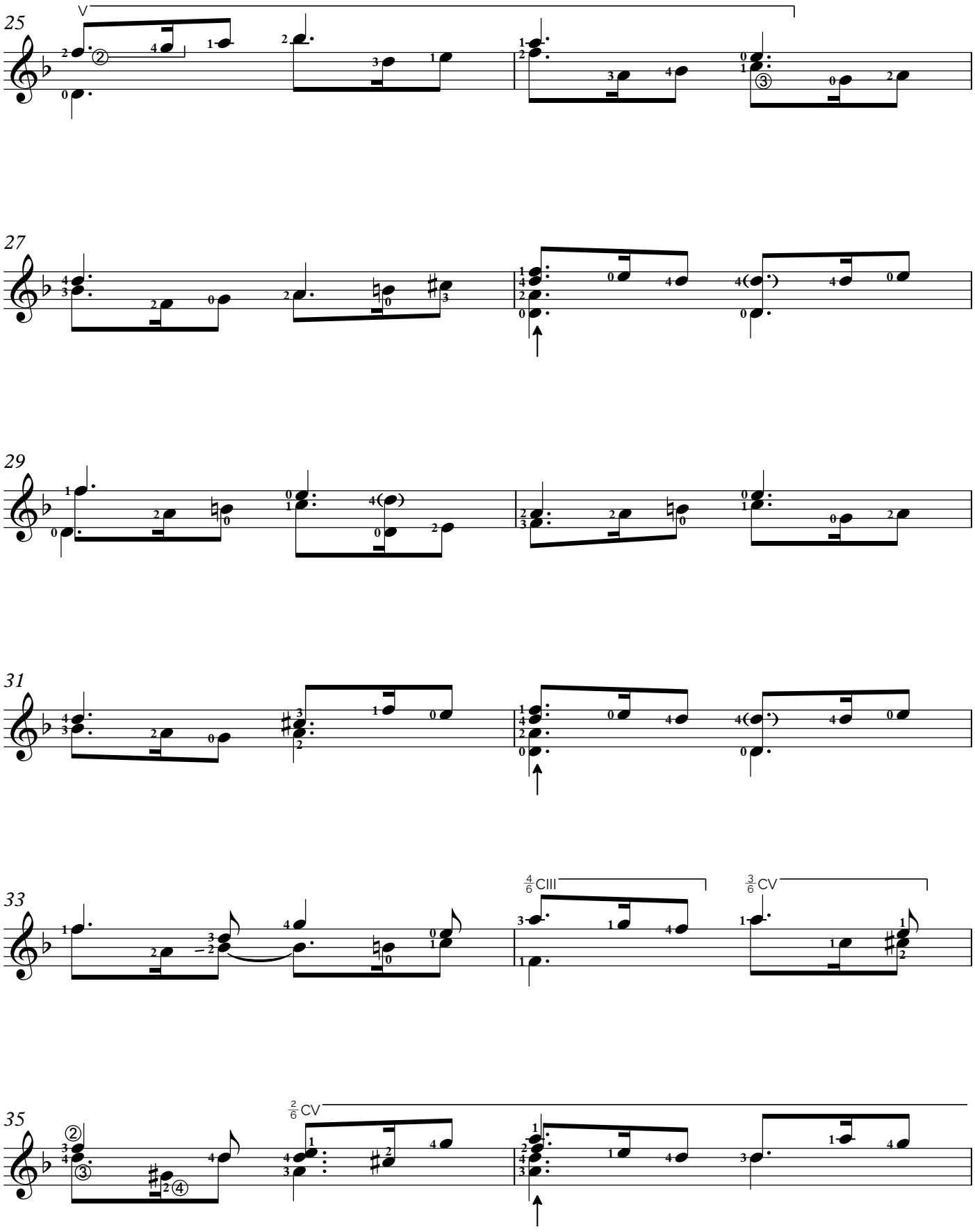

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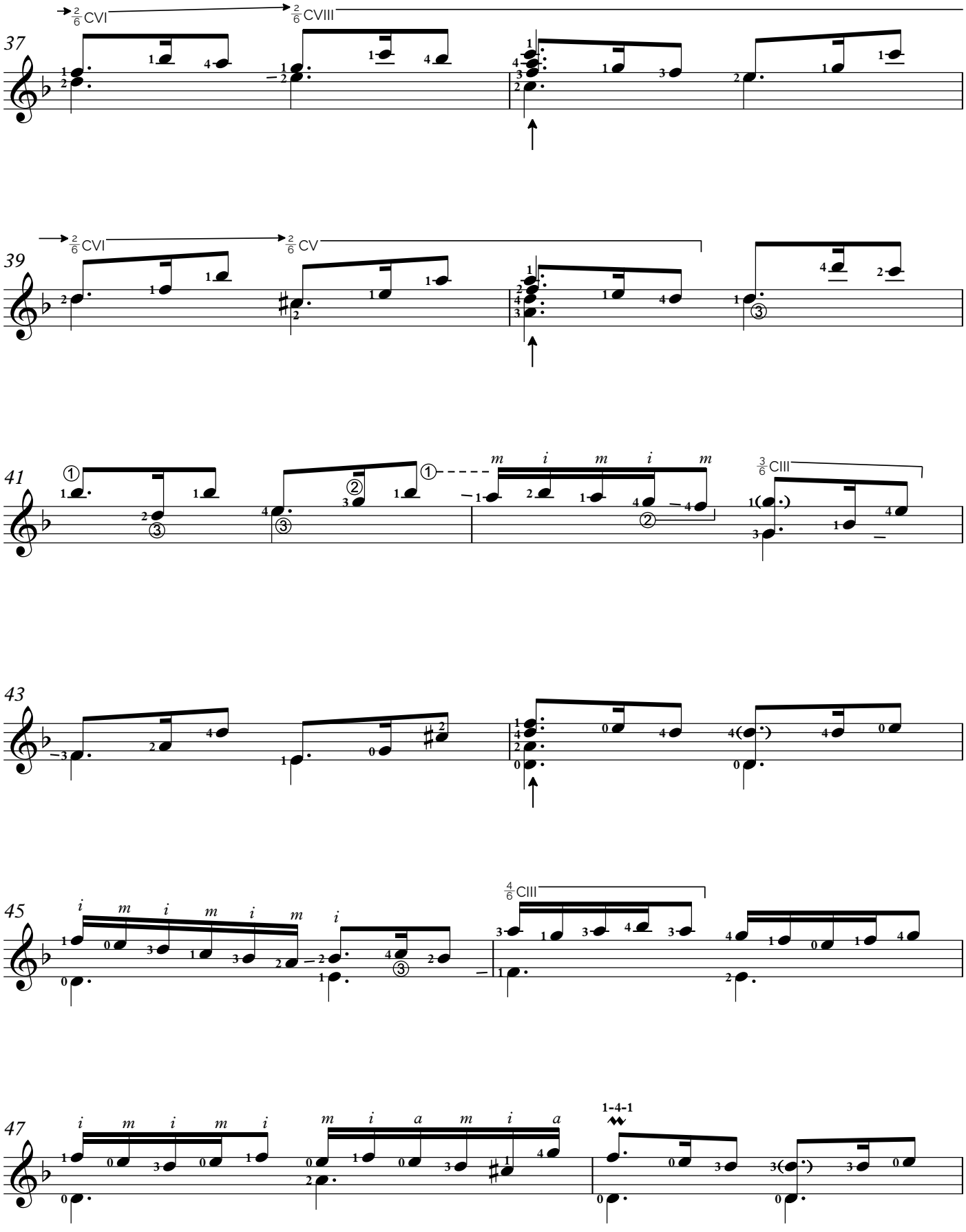

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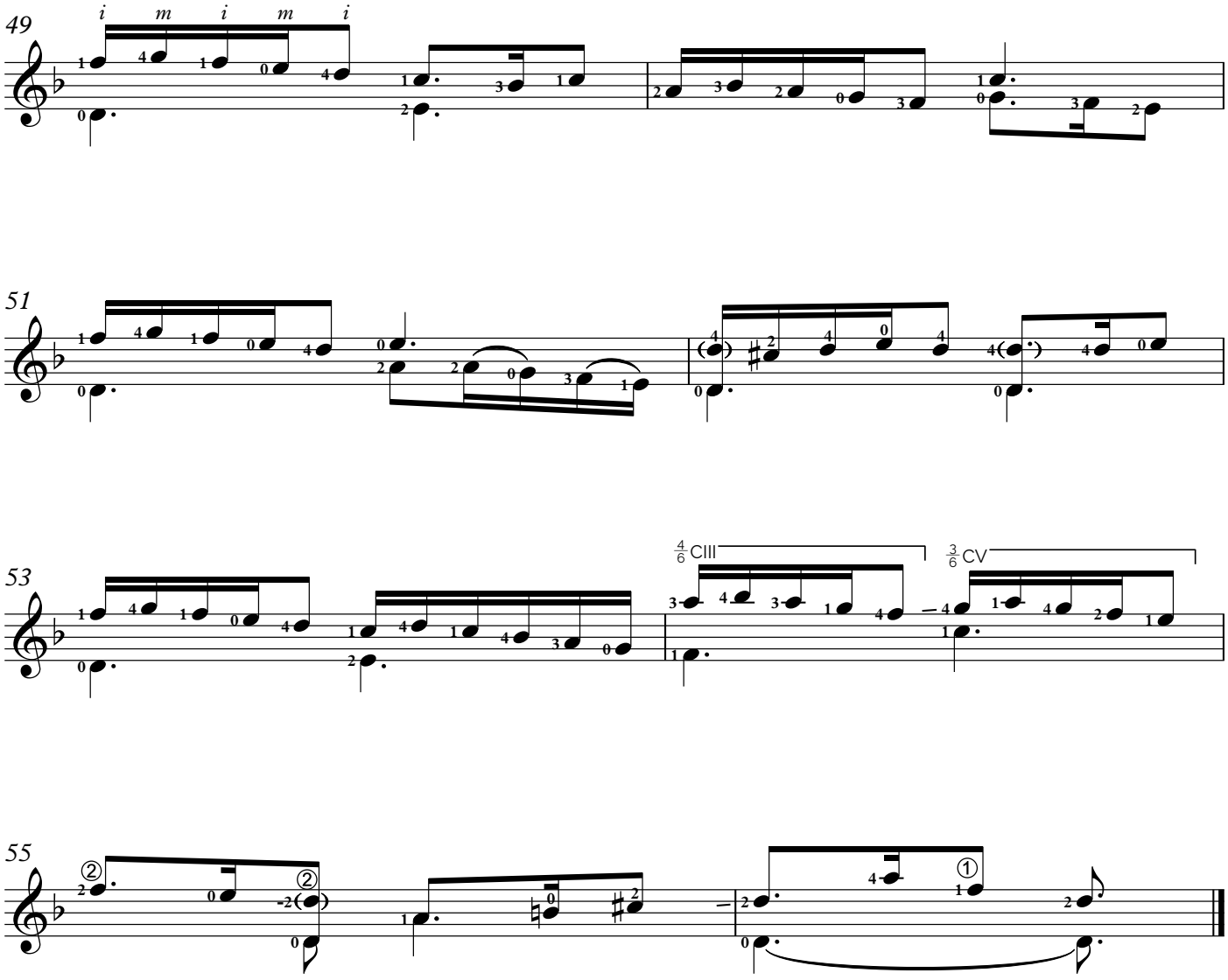

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Fandango

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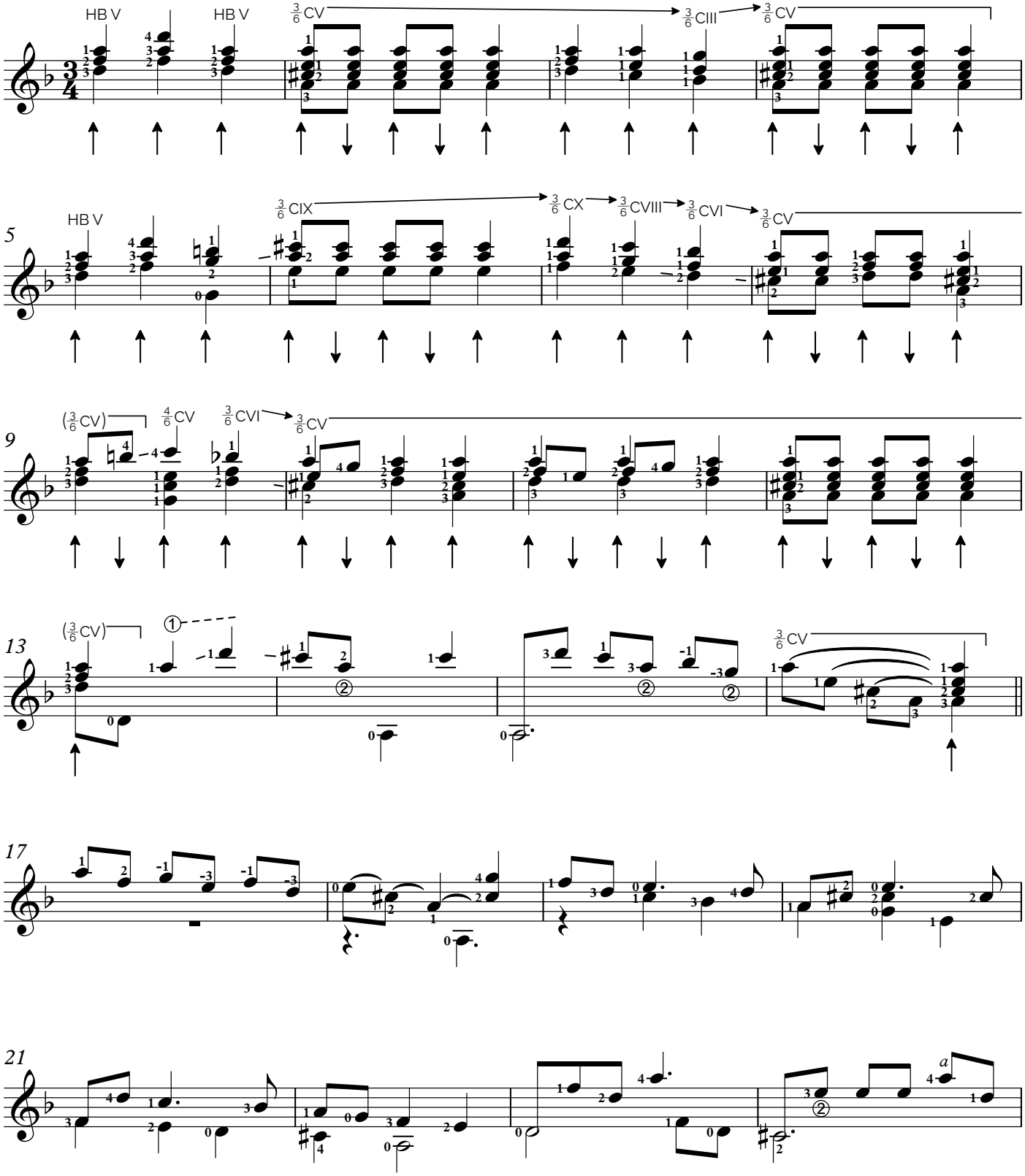

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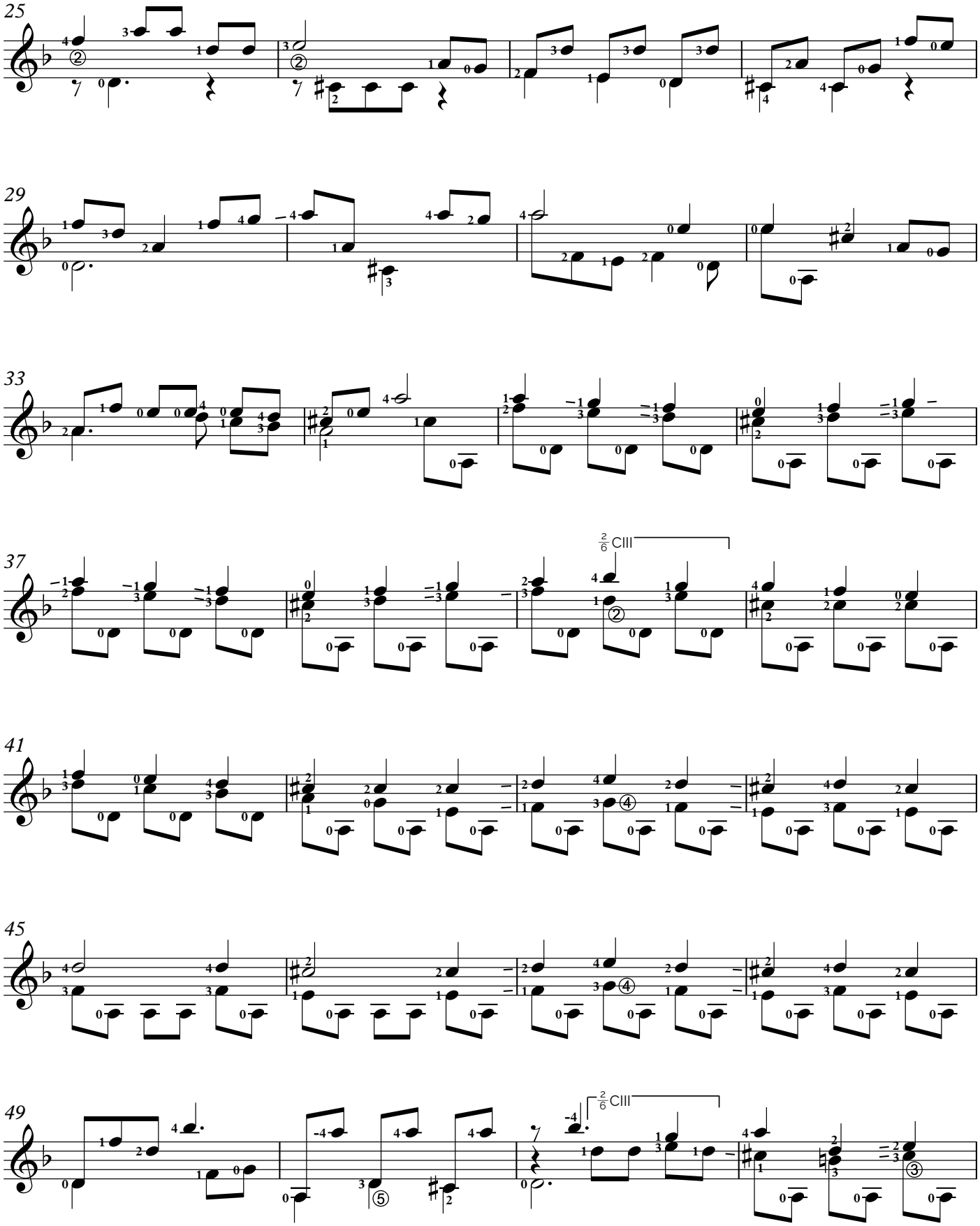

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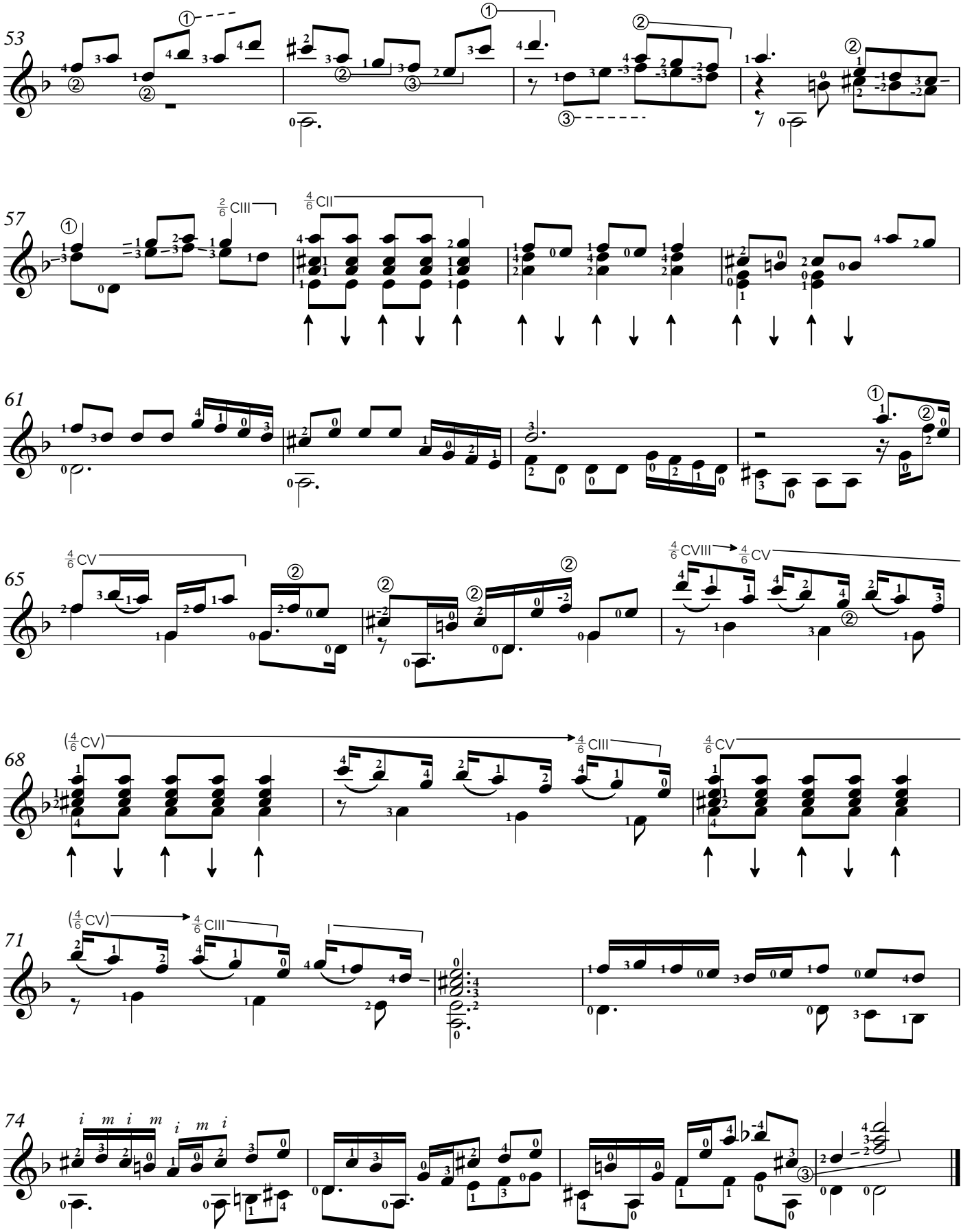

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Guajiras Cubanas

Severino García Fortea
(c.1854 - 1931)

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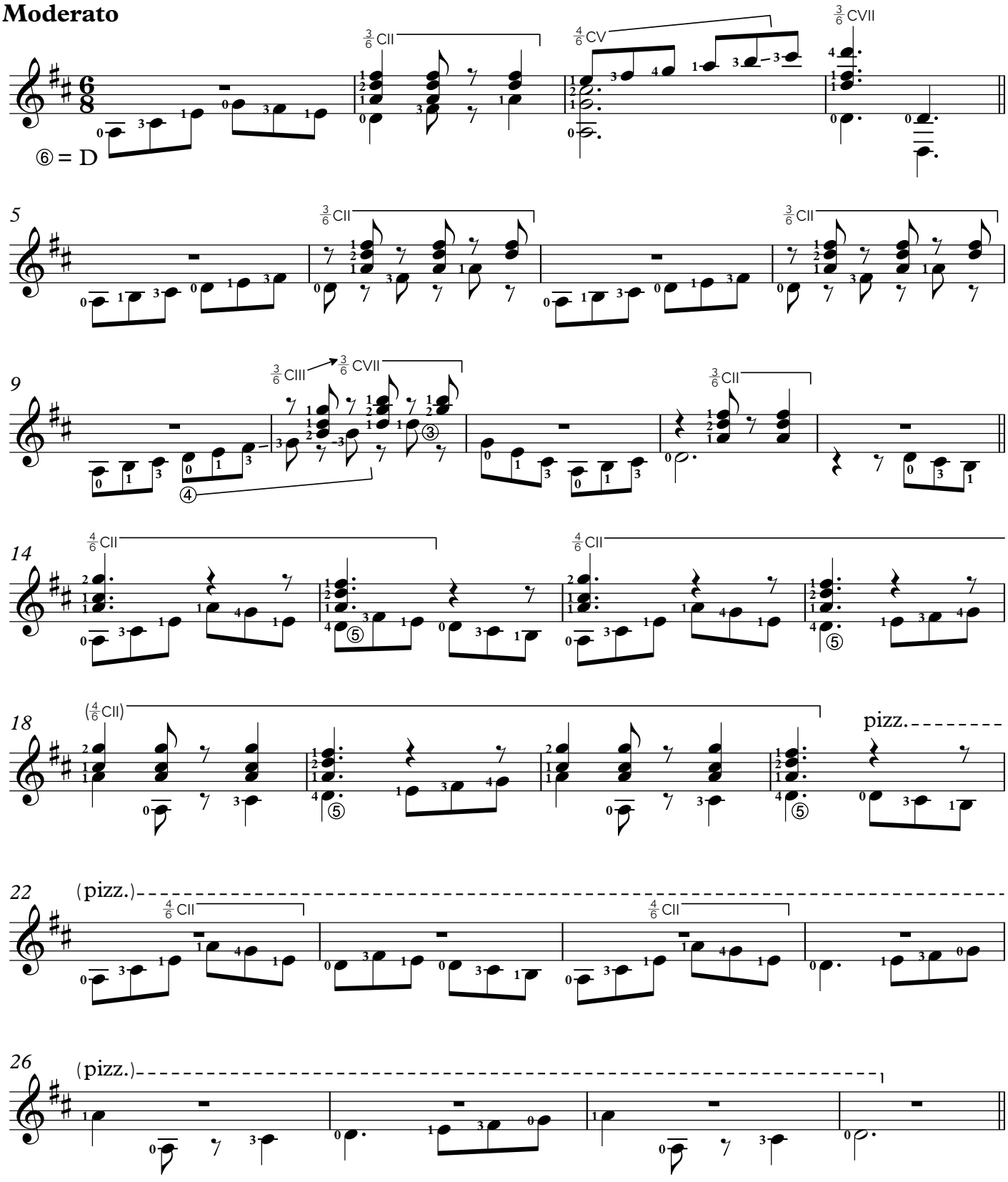

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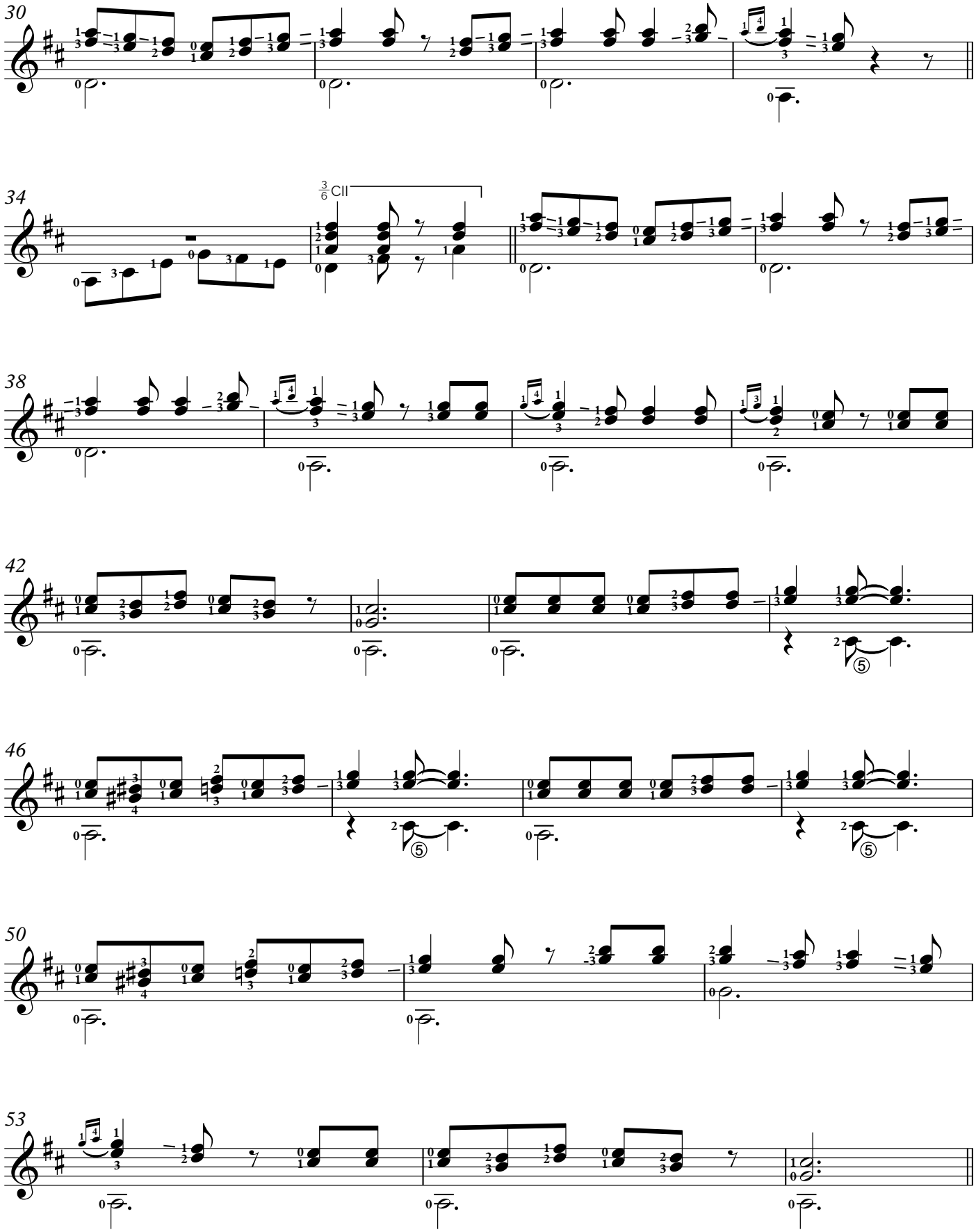

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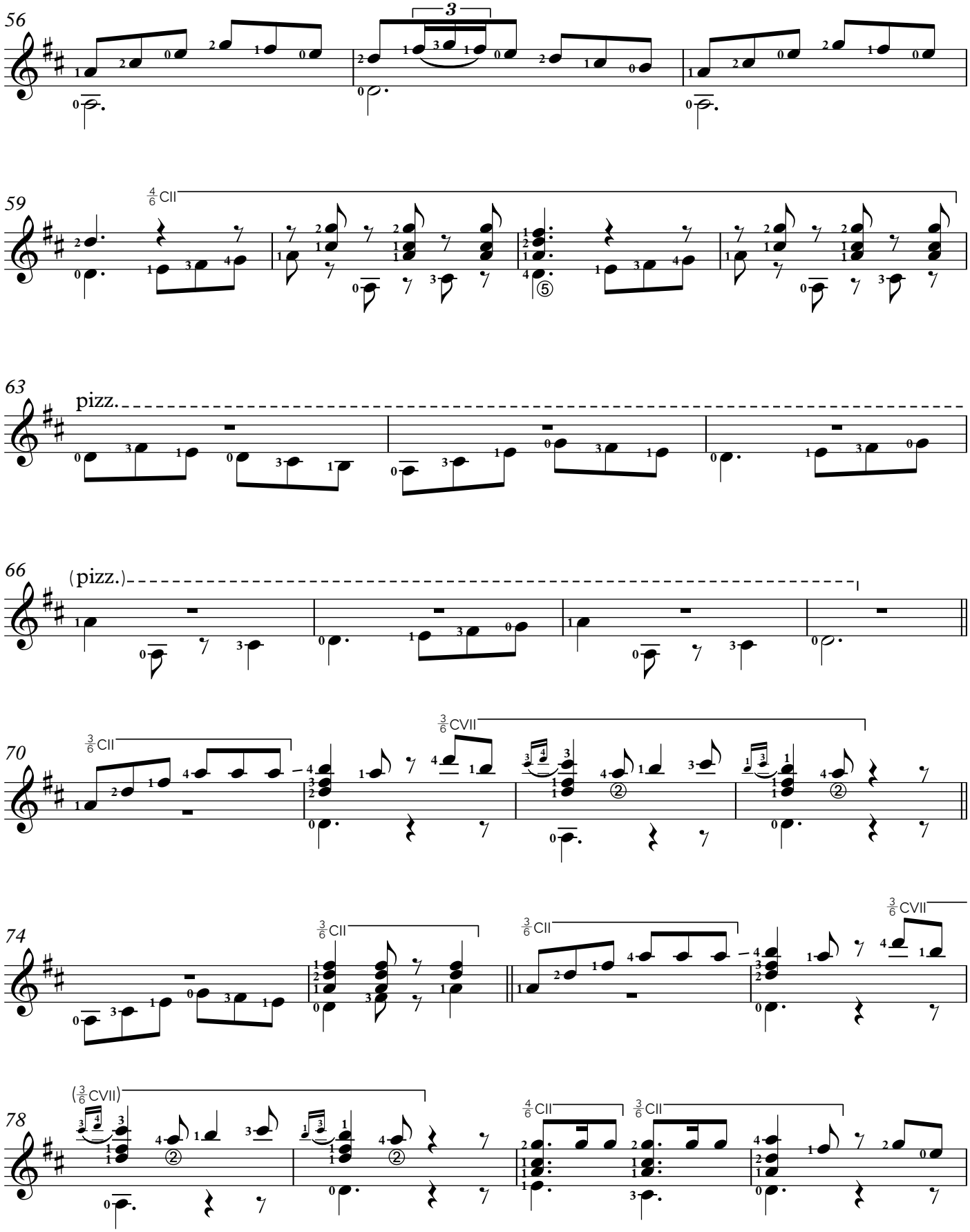

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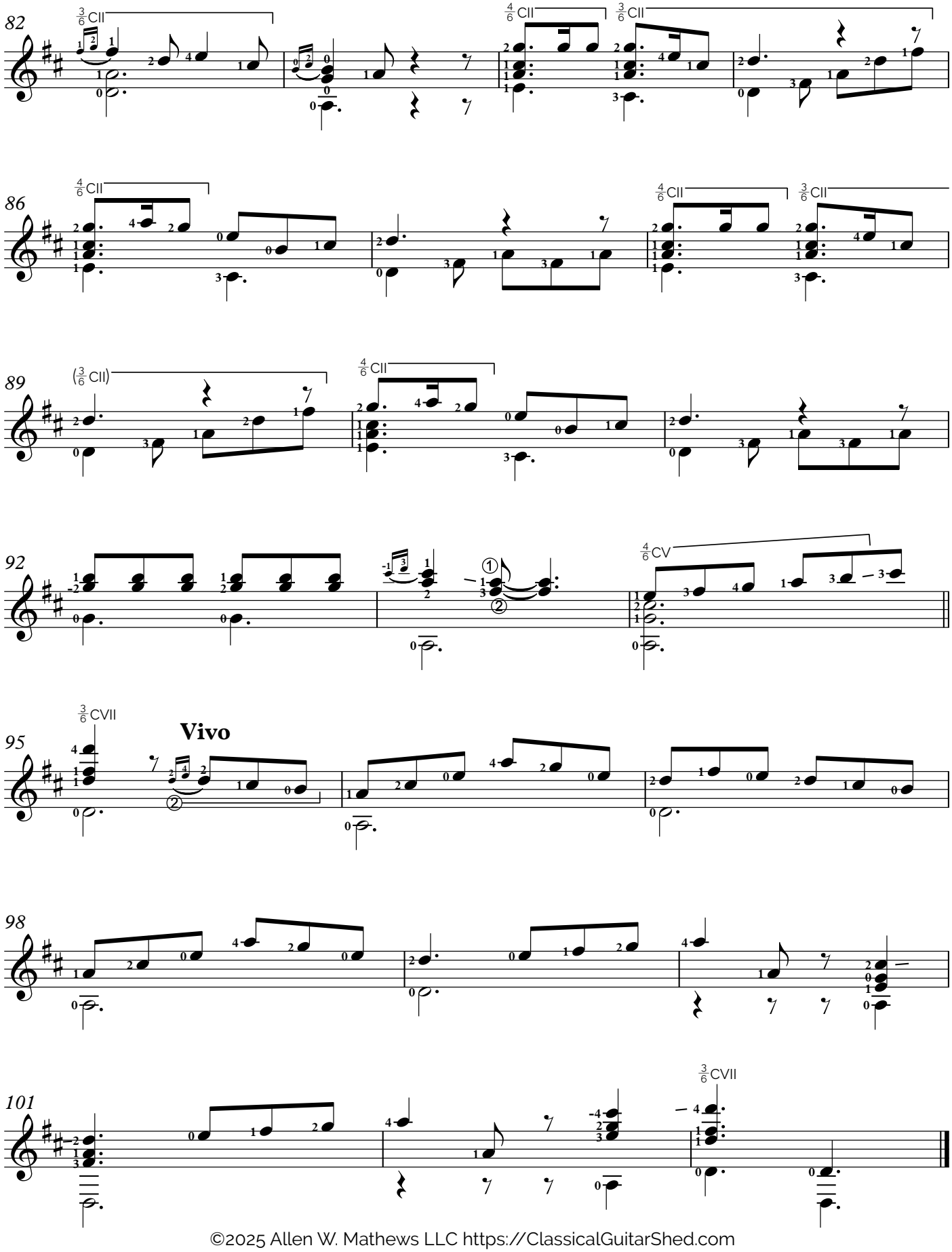

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Boleras

Anonymous

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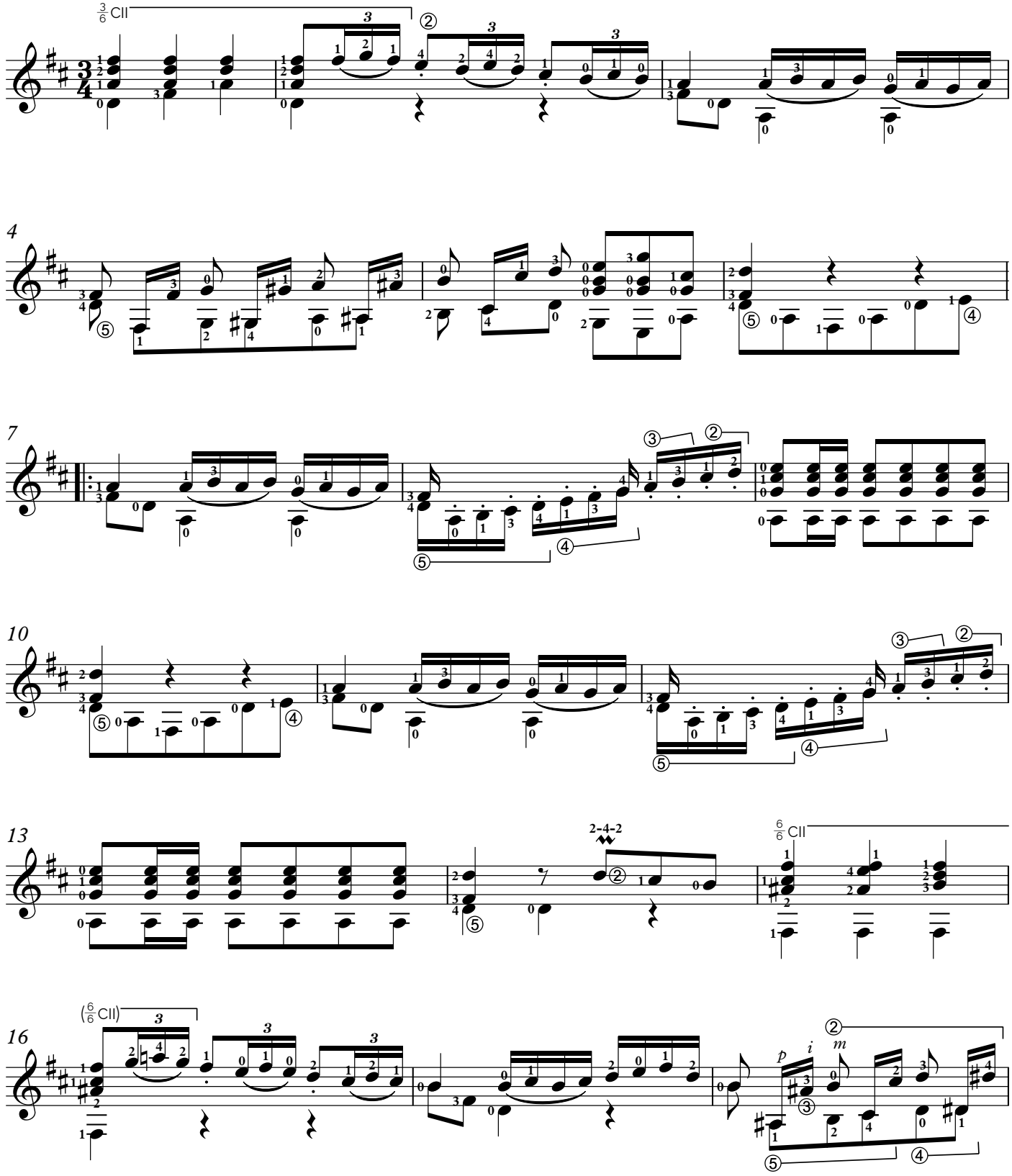

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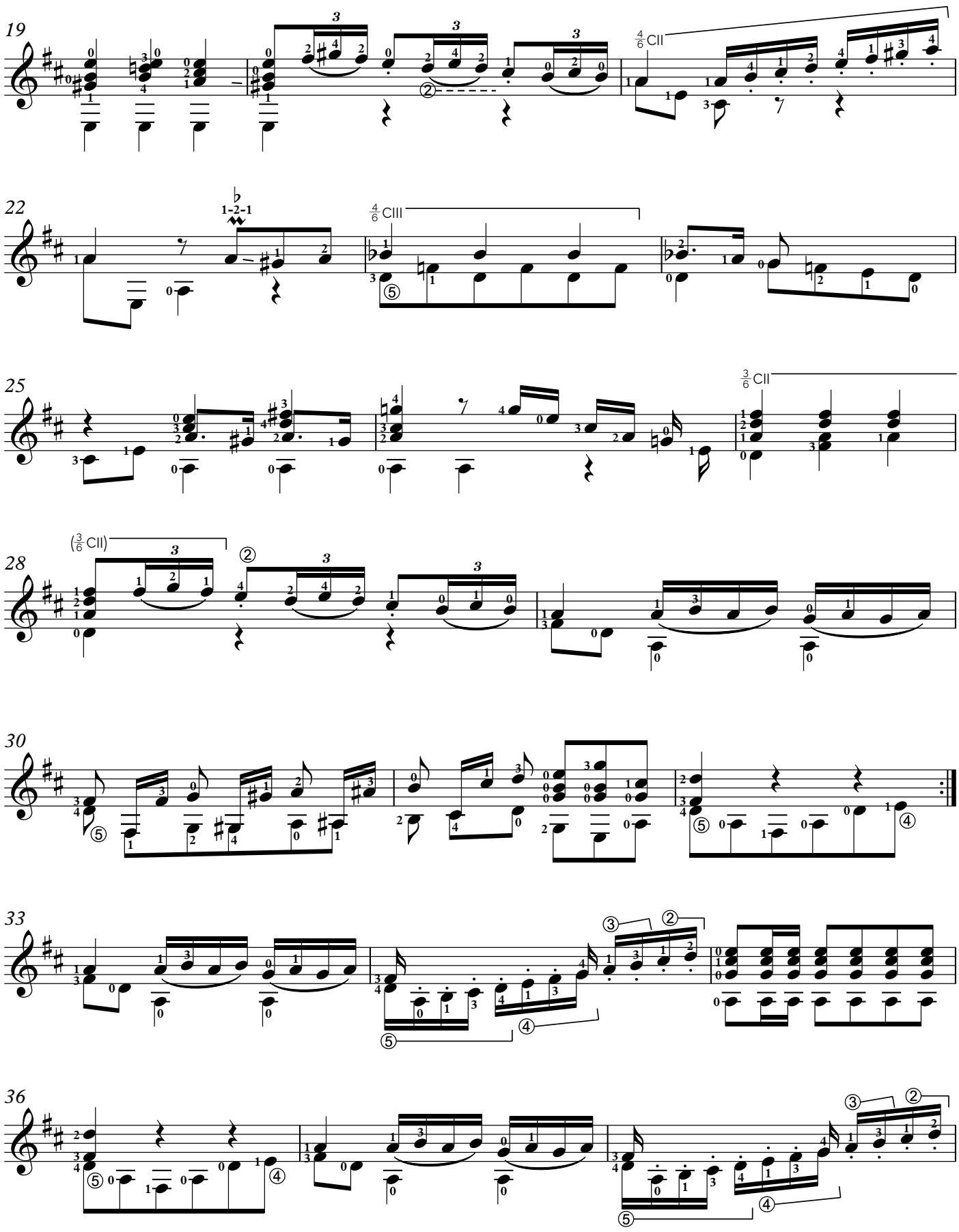

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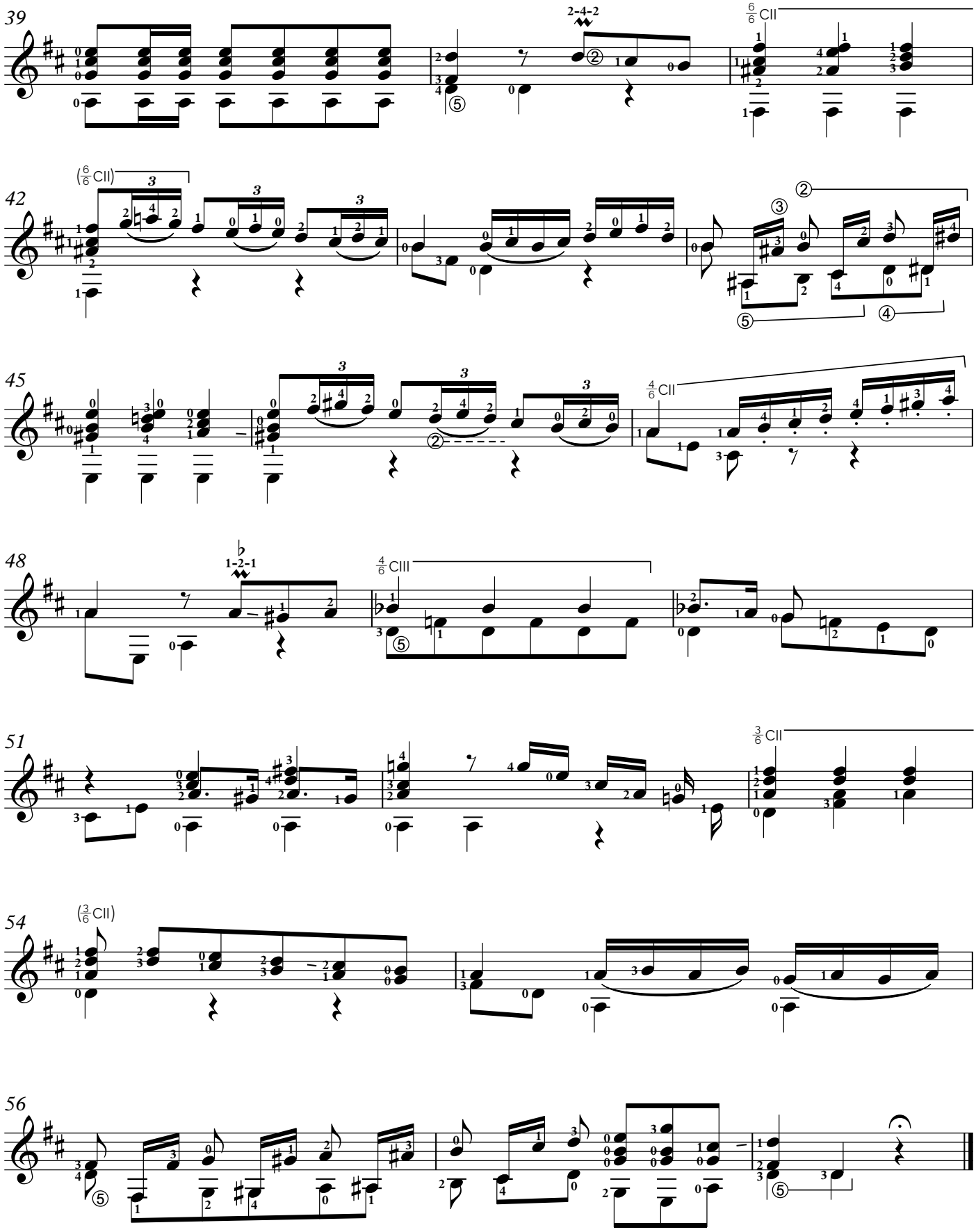

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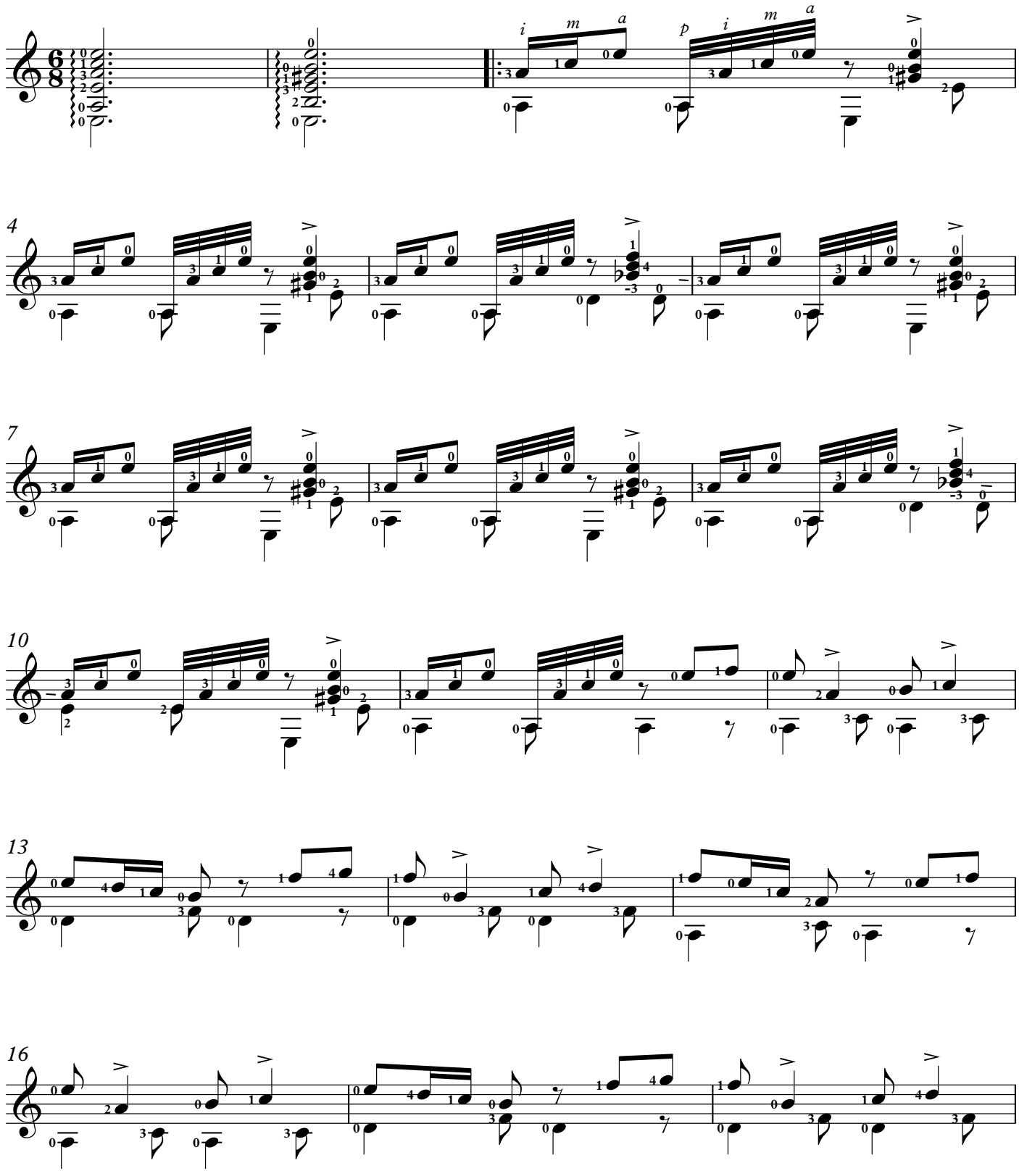
Tirana

Anonymous

Andantino grazioso



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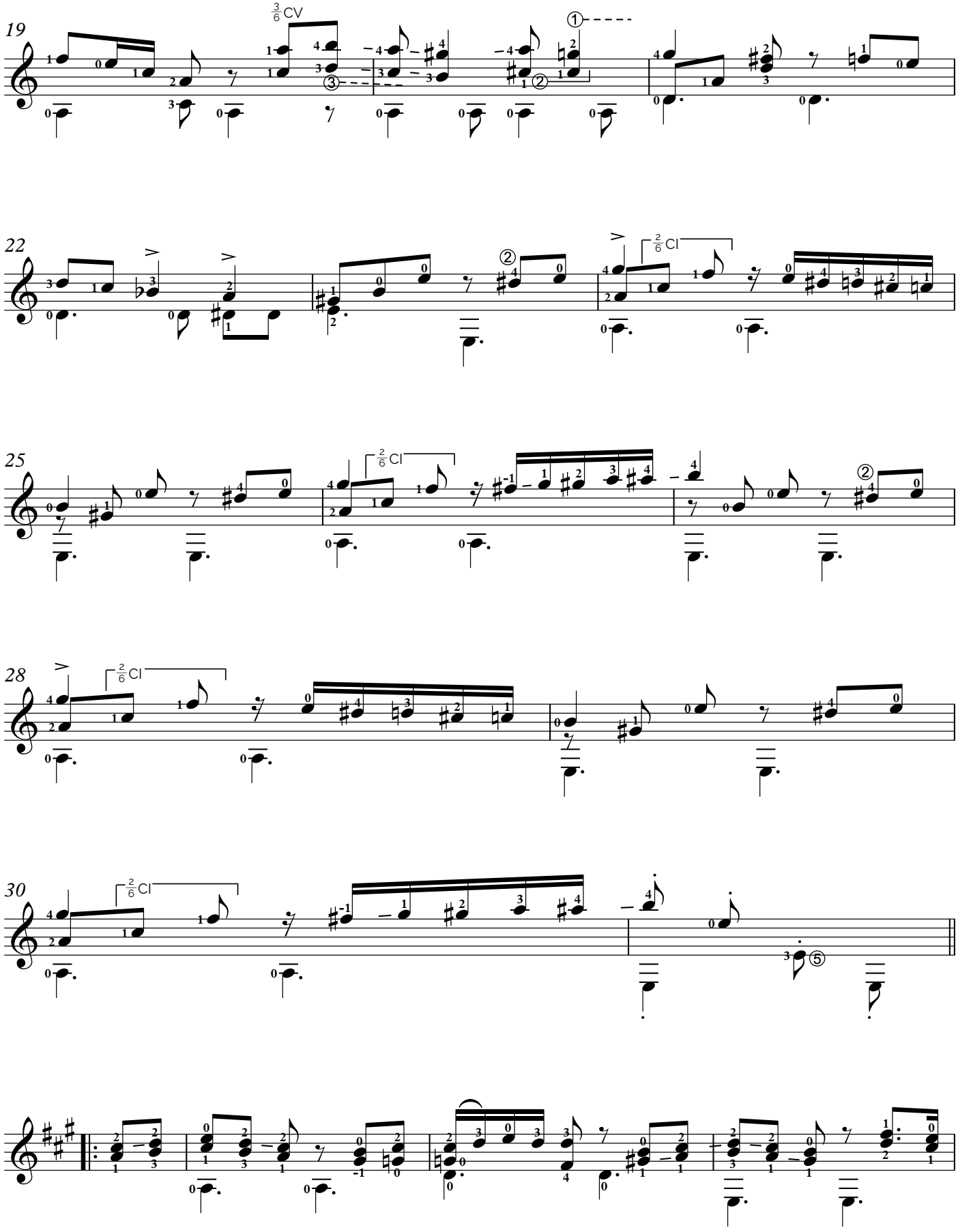

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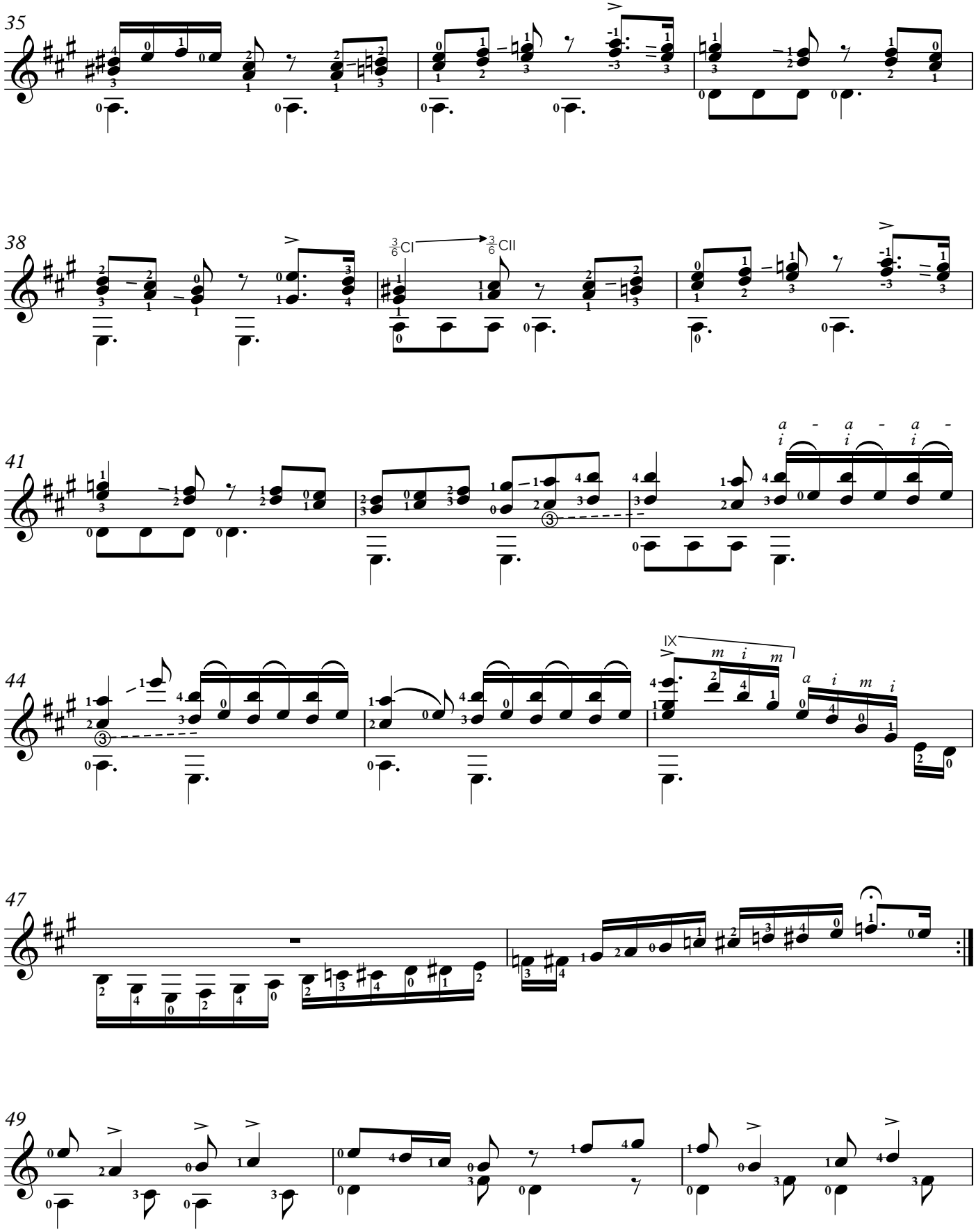

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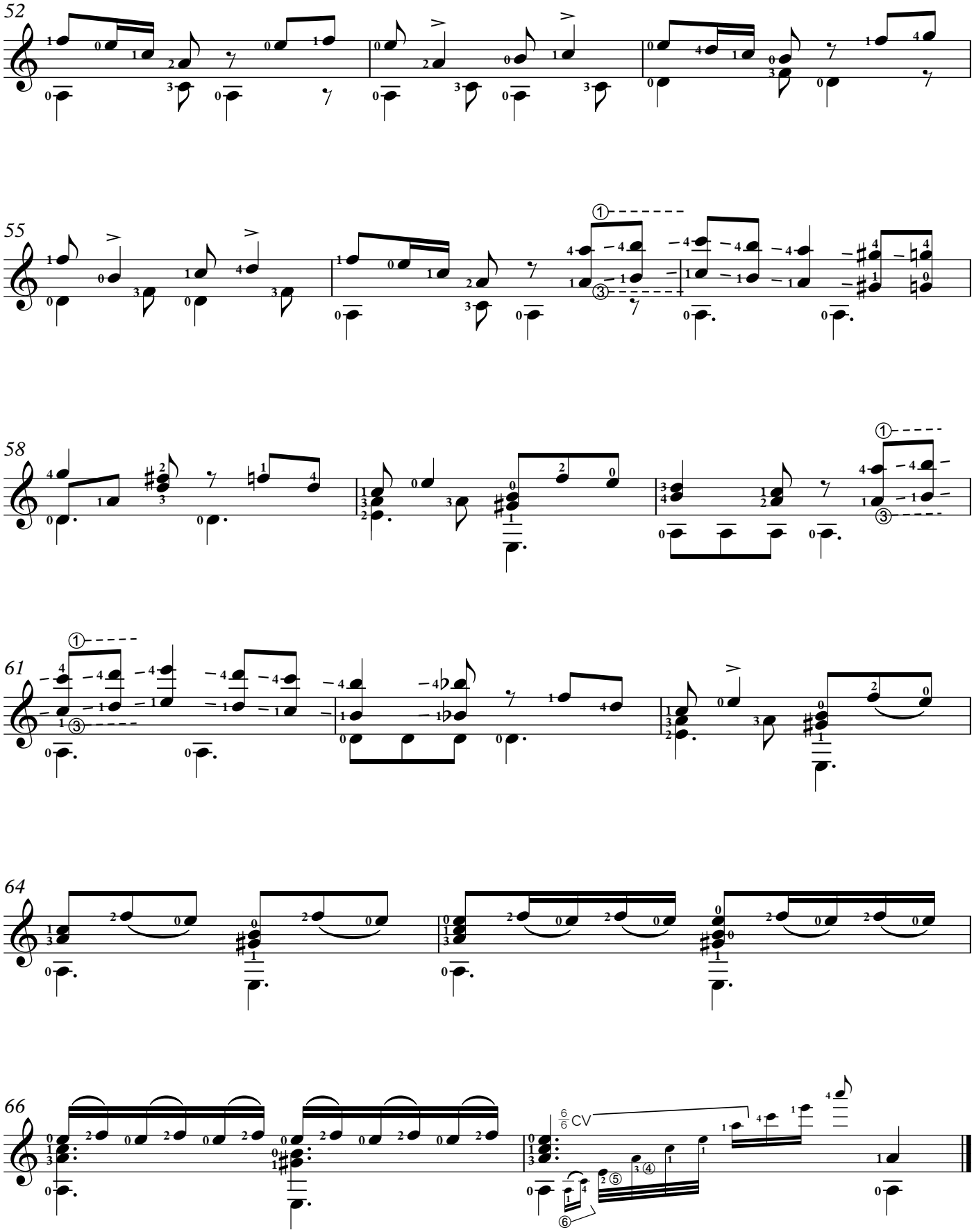

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play beautifully

Practice Tips

The 7 Steps to Learn Any Piece

1. Make small sections
2. Know all the notes and musical markings
3. Clap and count the rhythm aloud
4. Play the right hand alone, counting aloud
5. Play the left hand alone, counting aloud
6. Play hands together, pausing when needed (no mistakes, counting aloud)
7. Play hands together in rhythm, with a slow metronome, counting aloud

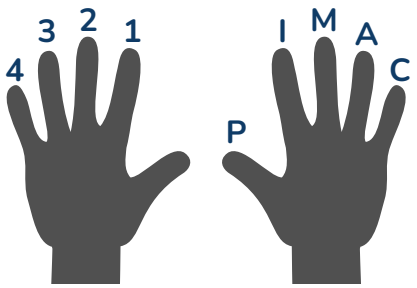
Musical Expression Starting Points

1. Know which notes are melody (probably stems up), and play the others quieter
2. Connect melody notes smoothly (no gaps)
3. When a musical line or melody goes up in pitch, get quieter towards the top (opposite at climaxes)
4. Don't let the high notes stand out (any note higher than those before and after)
5. When a melody or musical line goes down in pitch, get louder to create forward momentum
6. Repeated notes get louder (start quiet if you need to)
7. Before slowing down or speeding up (rubato), master it at a steady pace

Tips for Good Practice

1. For tricky spots, describe the problem in detail: Where, what, how? Ask, "What's going on here?"
2. Memorize every piece (even if you don't, you'll learn it faster if you try)
3. Have a clear purpose and goal for each repetition (rote repetition is lazy practice)
4. Record yourself often. Listen or watch to decide what to practice next

Fingering Notations



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Many players struggle with playing fluently and error-free. The methods here have helped many move from stale, plodding practice to more vibrant and engaged music-making.

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Allen Mathews

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